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Majorism warning dismays MPs

Thatcher plans to pursue her battle in Lords

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MARGARET Thatcher's criticised her, but on policy warning to John Major not to undo 11 years of her work was seen last night as the first salvo in a campaign that she intends to continue in the House of

Her comments in an article for the US magazine Newsweek that the prime minister was not his own man, that there was no such thing as Majorism and that he had merely adopted her principles, dismayed Conservative backbenchers, one of whom said that the words "reeked of triumphalism".

While Downing Street and most cabinet members maintained silence, close support-ers of Mrs Thatcher, who is expected to be given a peer-age soon, said that this was only a taste of what was to come in the Lords. Simon Heffer, deputy editor of *The* Spectator, who is close to Mrs Thatcher, said: "I don't think that once she gets into the House of Lords she will feel under any compulsion to keep her mouth shut. I think she will criticise, not on personal terms as Ted Heath

THE PROPERTY OF Fan may get Hill's £10m

A Suffolk woman who suffers from cerebral palsy may be the main beneficiary of Benny Hill's £10 dian, who died of a heart attack, said last year that he would leave his money to "two very special, lovely fans for 40 years. One has since died Page 3
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Fiancée jailed

A woman was jailed for six weeks for wasting police time by giving false information about her fiance and two other men wanted over the shooting of an army recruiting of-

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The cost of selling a house has gone up by nearly double the inflation rate in spite of the slump in the market, as estate agents and solicitors raise fees to compensate for the fall in business. But the cost of buying has halved, thanks to the suspension of stamp

Libyan talks President Mubarak of

Egypt saw a "ray of hope" in the dispute over the extradition of two Libyans suspected of the Lockerbie bombing after talks with Colonel Gaddafi.... Page 9

Essex slump

Essex were bowled out for of their lowest one-day total, by Lancashire in the Benson and Hedges Cup at Chelmsford. Philip De-Freitas took five for 16. Glamorgan beat Durham by four wickets in spite of lan Botham's 86.. Page 26 Photograph, page 24 INDEX

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Mr Heffer, speaking on BBC Radio 4, said: "I think this government has got to be very wary about being too thin-skinned about attacks on policies. This is not a personal attack on Mr Major. It is simply a reminder that Thatcherism as she sees it is a successful creed that liberated Britain from a high-tax, high-interference economy." Mr Heffer said that Mrs Thatcher was entitled to the same freedom of speech as any other politician. "I do not think there is anything sour in pointing out why a lot of people voted Tory two weeks

Among those angered by the article, William Powell, parliamentary private secre-tary to Michael Heseltine, the trade and industry minister, said that her remarks were intemperate, ill-judged and fundamentally wrong". He said: "Her whole analysis is quite extraordinary. What won the election was Conservative policy. She seeks to wrap Conservative policies in

a cloak called Thatcherism. This whole article reeks of the kind of triumphalism which people found so objectionable in Mrs Thatcher. I have a marginal seat, and if we had had her as leader, I know I could not possibly have won

In what was seen as an attack on Mr Heseltine, who stood against her in the leadership contest, Mrs Thatcher said in her article: "If new ministers pursue a policy of intervening in industry ... then the economy will go downhill again." Yesterday Mr Heseltine was unavailable for comment, But Mr. Powell said: "I am not sure there is really something called Thatcherism. I think there is something called Conservatism, which for the most part she pursued. In some cases she went badly off the rails and Mr Major has had to correct them — and well done for doing so."

Downing Street indicated that Mr Major, who was at

his home in Huntingdon yes-terday, had no intention of commenting on the article and was keen to damp down speculation on Mrs Thatcher's continuing intervention.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, speaking in Tur-key, said that it was useless to suppose that Mrs Thatcher would stop commenting when she thought comment was needed. "She played a stalwart part in the election campaign. She will play a stalwart part in commenting on the future life of the gov ernment," he said.

John Biffen, the former Commons leader who was dropped from the cabinet by Mrs Thatcher, said that prime ministers tended to be either those who went into dignified retirement, such as Lord Wilson and Lord Callaghan, or to be "those like Edward Heath, and I imagine Mrs Thatcher, who intend to be around for a while and to be pretty vigorous in their comments". He said: "Mrs Thatcher left her stamp on history. She isn't about to retire and do embroidery."

Mr Biffen said that it remained to be seen whether Mrs Thatcher would be as effective in the Lords as she had been until now in her public life. "At the end of the day, if the prime minister is able to navigate Britain out of recession without a resurrection of inflation, he will be fairly invincible to these

Gerald Howarth, who served as Mrs Thatcher's parliamentary private secretary. ered a careful path be tween defending Mrs Thatcher and supporting the prime minister. Mr Major was Mrs Thatcher's torchbearer but would still be his own man, said Mr Howarth. who lost his seat in the election. Mrs Thatcher was not the only one warning against interventionist government."
I don't think Mrs Thatcher will be alone in firing warn-ing shots of this kind."

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Gould seeks truce in attack over leadership

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

BRYAN Gould's campaign team is pressing for a truce in the Labour leadership contest to prevent personal attacks handing ammunition to the party's opponents.

The move emerged yester-day amid complaints of alleged attempts by supporters of John Smith to undermine Mr Gould's credibility by suggesting that it would be difficult for Mr Smith to work with him as his deputy.

Mr Gould is standing both for the leadership and deputy leadership and weekend re-ports suggested that the Smith camp felt that it would be hard for the two men to work together because of their sharply differing views on the economy and Europe. The reports prompted an approach to Mr Smith's team

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT yesterday from the Gould campaign suggesting talks to discuss "the rules of the game." As a result there is to be a meeting early next week between Robin Cook, Mr Smith's campaign manager, Gould's chief of staff.

The Smith camp has been equally irritated by Mr Gould's decision so soon after the general election to attack the taxation package put to the electorate by the shadow chancellor.

The exchanges came as a fifth candidate, Bernie Grant, MP for Tottenham, entered the race for the deputy leadership. Mr Grant, one of the first black MPs in Continued on page 14, col 6

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Two women weeping outside San Quentin Prison where Harris was executed

Killer executed after four hours of legal wrangling

FROM WILLIAM CASH INSIDE SAN QUENTIN PRISON

ROBERT Alton Harris became the first person to be executed in California for 25 years shortly before dawn yesterday after an agonizing last

minute legal wrangle.
Harris's scheduled
12.01am (local time) execution was postponed for nearly four hours after three stays were granted and subsequently overturned by the US Supreme Court. Harris looked set to meet his fate at 4.01am. But an unexpected call issuing a stay from a US appellate judge came through just after Harris had already been strapped in for 12 min-utes and the official witnesses were waiting to watch him

meet his death. The Supreme Court, after 13 years of hearing appeals over Harris, who was convicted of the double murder in 1978 of two teenage boys. issued what California's attomey general Dan Lund-gren described as "an unprecedented move" by pronouncing that no subsequent stay would be valid over Harris unless issued by the US Supreme Court itself.

After the execution of Harris the Foreign Office is to be asked to make representations on behalf of a British man who faces the death penalty in America. Kenny Richey, 27, from Edinburgh, expects to hear within the plea for a stay of execution has been granted by seven

appeal judges. În California Harris was asked shortly before 3am to remove his T-shirt, underwear, and socks, and given new leans and blue work shirt to wear to his death. Witnesses to the scheduled execution spoke immediately afterwards of their horror and astonishment as Harris was unbuckled and led away by burly guards.

The 50 witnesses who watched aghast as Harris's execution was postponed, in-cluded "12 reputable citizens', selected by the warden. Seventeen media organisa-tions competed fiercely for the present at the scene. Shortly before 6am, after the US Supreme Court's over-ruling of the fourth execution stay, Harris was once again led back through the metal door into the chamber, where witnesses had been taken. He was described as look

right to to have a reporter

ing resigned to his fate and was fully co-operative with the guards who led him the 15 paces from his cell, in which he had eaten final meal shortly after 8pm on Monday night. His final request was for a pack of Camel ciga-Continued on page 14, col 8

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Siege gunman shot

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A MAN was shot and wound- Leanne Rees. Eddie ed in the neck by a police marksman yesterday after a siege in which a woman was held hostage for 47 hours in a house in Darlington.Keith Pringle, 24, was in Middlesbrough general hospital last night. His condition was described as "not critical".

Mr Pringle was shot by an officer in a house opposite the siege house in Lyonette Road, Darlington, Co Durham. Police ran to the house and next four weeks whether a emerged with 21-year-old

Marchant, Durham's assistant chief constable, said that an officer, "fearful for the safety of the hostage", had fired one shot from a rifle and hit Mr Pringle in the neck.

Police recovered a 12-bore shotgun from the house. More than 60 officers were involved. Durham police have invited the Police Complaints Authority to supervise an external enquiry.

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Afghan rebels get stark warning

The UN's envoy tells the Afghan rebels that they alone hold the key to peace, reports Christopher Thomas

Benon Sevan, the United Nations special envoy to Alghanistan, had a stark message for the breakaway army generals and commanders from every Mujahidin group in Afghanistan when he met them at a re-mote airport in the country's far north yesterday: for God's sake sit down and talk or you will have to go back into the mountains and

The meeting was the most extraordinary of its kind in 14 years of bitter civil war. Sitting in a grubby room over plates of nuts and fruit, Mr Sevan listened as one after another the Mujahidin commanders told him that Afghanistan was about to explode into ethnic chaos uness the UN peace negotia-

He responded sharply by telling them that the respon-sibility for avoiding war was theirs. "A lot of foreigners will take advantage of you. Before, it was the Russians. Now you will have new people. We are prepared to help you help yourselves. If you are doing something wrong I will tell you. If you do not like it, that is your problem, not mine."

Grim-faced, the rebels lis-tened, turbaned and heavily wrapped up against the chill. There had never been a similar gathering of so many powerful rebel commanders inside Afghanistan. That so many generals were there with them made it all the more remarkable. General Abdul Rashid Dosturn, the Uzbek chief of the northern military command, which controls practically all of northern Afghanistan, sat next to Mr Sevan, his bulky frame slumped in a leather chair. He wore fatigues with-

Mr Sevan is to have talks outside Kabul today with Ahmad Shah Masood, leader of Jamiat-i-Islami, which has massed its forces in the area. He controls much of northeastern Alghanistan. centred on his stronghold in the Panjshir Valley. Com-

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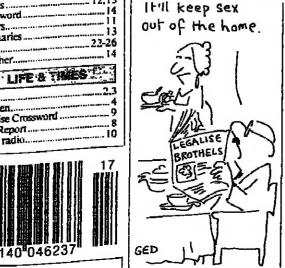
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Mothers' Union puts brothels on their agenda



BY RUTH GLEDHILL

MOTHERS' Union members are to discuss prostitution and whether brothels should be legalised. The organisation, which fosters the Christian ideals of the family and the sanctity of marriage, will consider the matter in Church of England discourse before ferming a reliable formation. land dioceses before forming a policy.

The decision to debate such a controversial subject was taken in the light of the growing danger of Aids. The call for the discussion coincides with the normally traditional organisation initiating a debate on the rights and wrongs of

living together before marriage.

Margaret Duggan, editor of Home & Family, the union magazine, denied that the debate threatened to upset fundamental beliefs of the union.

of which is "to uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding".

Mrs Duggan said: "The Mothers'

Union feels very strongly that marriage is an exclusive and lifelong partnership, but it does also try to look at the real

"There are an awful lot of people who do not hold these ideals, but these are people for whom Christian organ-isations should have some concern."

Asked about her view, she said: "I think I can honestly say I do not know."

The very fact of the discussion will surprise many in the church. The Moth-Union, founded in 1876; is listed in The Church of England Year Book as a body "specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and family life". It has 500,000 mem-Home 8 Family, the largest-circulation Christian periodical in Britain, lists the objects of the Mothers' Union, one

the rector of Old Alresford, near Winchester. Her husband, George, went on to become Bishop of Guildford. The debate comes as the church pre-

investigate the causes of family breakdown. The working party will recommend steps for the nation and church to stem the causes. The current issue of Home & Family carries an article suggesting that living

pares to set up a working party to

together before marriage need not be sinful and can be beneficial. Rachel Nugee, a JP and former worldwide head of the Mothers' Union, says that she has seen couples whom many would condemn as living in sin, but who show every sign of being blessed and blessing

Her views are expected to open a second lively debate within the organisation, most of whose members still hold fast to traditionalist views of marriage

Scots TUC backs calls for referendum on constitution

BY KERRY GILL

PUBLIC pressure in Scotland for a referendum on the grew yesterday when the Scottish TUC overwhelmingly backed a motion calling on the government to organise one without delay. The Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats have already demanded a multi-option referendum organised by the

The Scottish National Party, whose leaderh had been barred from addressing the STUC's annual conference in Perth, later made a similar demand but went further. It declared that if Mr Major were to refuse the call, Scots

endum no later than the beginning of next year.
The two demands followed

a day in which the conference was dominated by calls for the constitutional issue to be resolved at the ballot box. Charles Gray, leader of Strathclyde council, said years of political unrest and civil disobedience would follow if the government ignored the aspirations of the

Scottish public.

Local authorities and the public would not tolerate further edicts from Westminster which could lead to the loss of thousands of jobs, said Mr Gray. Scots would not remain passive until the turn of the

Gould canvasses Smith faithful

By KERRY Guar

BRYAN Gould cut a rather lonely figure yesterday at the annual conference of the Scottish TUC. He spent almost three hours sitting by himself in the gallery of Perth city hall listening to the debate on the future constitution of Scotland.

Later, after witnessing the fervour of delegates demanding a referendum on the issue, Mr Gould disclosed that he had come to favour an all-British constitutional convention that would address all aspects of government, including the possible eventual introduction of regional gov-Mr Gould spent Monday

night canvassing support among Scottish trades unionists, many of whom are probably natural supporters of the Argyll-born John Smith. Mr Gould insisted, though, that he was not facing defeat in his battle for the Labour party leadership. "Not a single constituency party has yet met, let alone voted. No trade union has yet decided how to deal with consulting the ballot of their members. It is very early

stages," he said. His campaign is fuelled by



Gould: 'Campaign is in very good shape'

an energetic team with plenty of funds and it will take him to every corner of the UK. "We are in very good

shape," he said.
There was no rush from delegates for Mr Gould's ear. although he did meet Roger Lyons, of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union before catching his train back to London. It is clear that Scotland will not be fertile ground for his leadership campaign: no one in Scotland is more popular than than John Smith within

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marches and vigils could fol-low if they were not allowed to

govern themselves. Referring to the possibility of further financial cutbacks in local government, he said he would not acquiesce in this

process again. Later, also in Perth, SNP leader Alex Salmond offered an olive branch to the STUC following its decision not to allow him to address the conference. He said he would invite Campbell Christie, STUC general secretary, to join him in talks over a referendum.

"The SNP is willing to talk to all those who are genuine about holding a multi-option referendum. I therefore intend to ignore the snub from union barons and sectarian Labour politicians and con-tinue to seek common ground," he said.

He believed the chance of Mr Major approving a refer-endum was "infinitesimal" and that this issue should be got out of the way so that a committee of eminent Scots could organise a popular

referendum.

Most STUC speakers and delegates said they were disappointed that the organisation's general council had refused to invite Mr Salmond to address the conference. Many of them called for unity

among all parties seeking constuttional change.

Bob McCreadie, vice-chair-man of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, said the campaign for a referendum would achieve nothing if the groups backing it were divided. But the government would achieve nothing by try-ing to tinker with the consti-tution in an attempt to buy off the campaign for home rule. tish Grand Committee or the re-formation of a Scottish Select Committee were tooth-

less concepts, he said.
The STUC also agreed yesterday to campaign against what were described as further Tory attacks on the Nat-ional Health Service, education, councils, industry and public services, and to protect the trade union



Chilly reception: a Buddhist monk feels the cold on the journey to Holy Island, an outcrop off the west coast of Scotland that has become home to

yesterday on their windswept acqui-sition where St Molios, the Irish

for water. The island, off Arran in the Firth of Clyde, was sold to the Buddhists by Catherine Morris, who lived there for eight years with her

Democracy

dial-in gets

few takers

By Lin Jenkins

environment. The opportuni-

ty provided by South Norfolk

District Council to influence the way funds are allocated brought a tiny response. Just 816 of 103,000 resi-dents voted for one of five

new benches and tables at

local council works it was a

Rise in Easter sales fuels hope of economic revival

By PETER VICTOR

RETAILERS yesterday re-ported a rise in spending over Easter, strengthening the growing confidence that the economy is on the mend. Some stores estimated. takings to be as much as 50 per cent up on the previous Easter, with more sales of items such as furniture and household electrical goods.

Texas, the DIY company, said that Easter sales for some products were 25 per cent up on last year, while House of Fraser, which operates 56 department stores in

the UK, including Harrods, reported "very encouraging" trading. Habitat reported an in-

crease in household furniture sales "in line with the general mood in the high street".

Some retailers were more cautious. Perhaps fearing to tempt fare by declaring a rise in sales, they said that they would wait to see what happens in the next few months. Sears Group, which owns Selfridges, and the Wallace, Warehouse and Miss Selfridge clothing stores, said that sales this Easter were up, but would not put a figure on ing a bit more confident with the election out of the way," a spokeswoman said. "But with statistics being published like 31 per cent of small business-

es going under, in the South

East people still have a fear of

Sears's housebuilding sub-sidiary, has had an increase in new enquiries in the past week. The spokeswoman said: That could mean good news for the high street, in time."Sears is, however, still looking to divest itself of its property interests. Consum-ers remain cautious, the spokeswoman said. "We haven't seen the huge jump we expected after the elec-tion," she added.

options on how to spend £5,000 of the council's budget.

The planting of trees won with 603 telephone votes.

The provision of wheelchairs and infirm This caution was echoed by Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, despite sales greatly for the elderly and infirm There is a substantially more drew 140 votes, 28 wanted interest in shops and stores council-owned beauty spots, but we mustn't take the tem-24 favoured a concert and 21 perature too often," he said. voted for food hygiene infor-mation packs to be distribut-The Confederation of Brit-

ish Industry said last week that sales were expected to pick up in the wake of the



Pike and drums: two of four stamps unveiled by the Post Office today to mark the 350th anniversary of the Battle of Edgehill, the first major conflict in the English Civil War. The issue was designed by Jeremy Sancha.

Violent advert is a warning shot

A VIOLENT commercial about the dangers of broad-casting violent television programmes when children may be watching is to be broadcast this week on peak-time independent television to give viewers a clearer picture about where to complain if a programme, or a commercial, causes offence.

The commercial is one of three by the Independent Television Commission (ITC), which is using, free of charge, £500,000 worth of promotional airtime on IIV, Channel 4 and satellite channels in the next three weeks to raise awareness of its regulatory role over them. It shows a terrified boy sitting on a couch watching as a man is murdered in front of him. The scene then switches to the television screen as the killer points a gun at the boy.

David Glencross, the com-mission's chief executive, said that it had decideed, after "considerable discussion", that the scene would best illustrate the hazards of violence on television before the 9pm family viewing wa-tershed. The commercial it-

council could uphold a com-plaint against the ITC commercial, a spokesman said:
"I don't think so ... Scenes
of that kind have been seen
on TV after 9pm."

Last night, the ITC's first commercial, on bias, had its debut on ITV at 8.30pm. The third advertisement looks at misleading advertising.
Only one in ten viewers has heard of the ITC. Over a quarter think the Independent Broadcasting Anthority,

replaced 15 months ago by the ITC, is still the regulator. ☐ Sunrise Television, which displaced TV-am in last autumn's blind-bid ITV auction, yesterday changed its name to GMTV after a dispute with British Sky Broadcasting, which calls its breakfast news programme Sunrise. GMTV's pro-gramme is now to be called

Good Morning. ☐ The BBC, traditional winner in the election night battle for viewers, maintained a

Spain to release foreign prisoners

Hundreds of convicted British prisoners in Spain may be freed soon as part of a drive to ease prison overcrowding (Richard Ford writes).

Up to 3,000 foreign inmates serving sentences of less than six years will be released over the next few months, Antoni Asuncion, Spain's secretary-general for prison affairs, announced. On release they would be deported as undesirables. The Foreign Office estimate that there are 455 British nationals in Spanish prisons, almost 60 per cent of whom are being held for drugs-re-lated offences. The British government has been taken by surprise at the announcement and last night had no details of how many people would be released or how they would be returned.

Keith Best, director of Prisoners Abroad, which helps people jailed in foreign countries, said that most of the complaints against the Spanish criminal justice system concerned the length of time before a person stood trial and conditions in Spanish jails.

Patient dies in ambulance crash

A seriously injured pedestrian who survived a road accident died when the ambulance rushing him to hospital under police escort with its siren wailing and blue light flashing, collided with a car. James Twithen, 77, was receiving emergency treat-ment in the ambulance for head a leg injuries. The driver of the ambulance and a woman attendant as well as the driver and passenger of the car were injuried in the crash at a road junction at Ashford, Surrey. Other am-POLL tax payers who took part in a democracy dial-in have voted to enhance the bulances went to the scene to take the injured to hospital.

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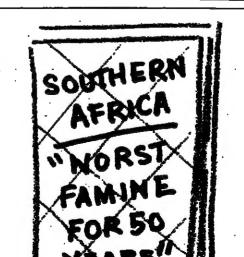
The sum raised from the Freddie Mercury memorial concert will not be known for two or three weeks, organisers said. All funds from donations, ticket sales and broadcast revenues will go into a trust to be administered by the three surviving members of the Queen rock group and will be distributed to Aids charities. Organisers say the money will be used primarily for care and education.

Girl, 5, attacked A sex attacker who assaulted a five-year-old girl as she slept The council will now be in her own bed was being hunted yesterday. He walked into her family's home at drawing up proposals on how to spend the money on tree planting. "As a lesson in people trying their hand in Histon, Cambs, through an getting to know how their unlocked back door. The girl was said to be deeply shocked, but not physically injured.

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Benny Hill's £10m fortune likely to go to his biggest fan

BENNY Hill's most fervent female fan could be the major beneficiary of his £10 million fortune. The comedian said last year that he would leave the bulk of his money to "two very special, lovely ladies" suf-fering from cerebral palsy who had followed his career over four decades. One of them, Jeanette Warner from Leicester, has since died.

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The other, Phoebe King, aged 56, said yesterday that she felt as though she "had lost part of her family" on hearing news of the entertainer's death. Miss King, who lives in sheltered accommodation at Felixstowe, spotted Mr Hill's charm and talent while she was in her teens. She remains his most loyal admirer. "We were very

Tributes pour in for 'comic master

BENNY Hill was accused by some feminists of sexism and was dropped by Thames Television. But he found legions of new fans when his shows were sold to the United States. The reclusive American singer Michael Jackson yesterday added his tribute to the comedian's work. "I was fortunate in meeting Benny Hill on my recent trip to London," he said. "The world is suffering a great loss of a great talent

Bob Hope, the comedian, said: "I am saddened by his passing. Benny Hill was a master comic and one of the furmiest men to grace the stage. He made us all laugh and all the laughs were big." Paradoxically, Benny Hill's

seaside postcard humour became more popular abroad than at home. In a recent interview, the comedian said: "The biggest kick I get is being approached by people in France, Spain, Italy or Greece who love what I do." Yesterday, Don Taffner, who introduced Benny Hill to American relevison, said: "He was a genius, a perfectionist. and a very nice man. He appealed to audiences all over the world because he spoke the simple language of com-

edy with total expertise." Henry McGee, the entertainer's leading television partner and stooge, was told of Mr Hill's death as he arrived at Heathrow from Cairo yesterday. He said: "It is devastating news. He was one of the great comedians of our age. He could make people laugh from America to the

Bob Todd, the wild-eyed performer who became one of the comedian's favourite foils, said: "I cannot get used to the idea that he is gone. I have been with him for so long. It is a terrible gap. We knew one another for 16 years. We were great friends. I feel my whole life has been Benny. He was an absolute joy to work with.
In all the time I was with him, never on the set was there a cross word from him for any-

Sue Upton, a close friend who accompanied Mr Hill to the West End musical Me and My Girl less than a week ago, said: "We had a lovely day out in town, but I thought he did not look that well even then. He said he was still feeling a bit up and down and was trying to take things

slowly."
Miss Upton, a former "Hill's Angel", thought that the comedian avoided company even more than usual after his illness. "He shunned anybody's help. The last thing he ever wanted was to be a burden," she said.

close," she said. "He used to years ago when Mr Hill was give me cuddles and kisses and we joked about getting married. He called me Kitten because I was nice and soft and he was my Teddy Bear because he was nice and

A post-mortem examina-tion yesterday disclosed that the comedian had died of a heart attack over the Easter holiday weekend. Police, alerted by anxious neigh-bours, found Mr Hill on Monday evening after they broke into his flat at Teddington, southwest

Dr Ravindra Fernando, who carried out the examination, thought that the comedian had been dead for about two days. The coroner's office at Kingston hospital, south-west London, where the examination was conducted, gave the cause of death as coronary thrombosis. In February, Mr Hill was treated for neart illness at the Brompton

hospital, central London.

Miss King said that she had spoken to Mr Hill a couple of weeks ago when she broke her femur. He had replied: "Darling, you have broken your femur bone and I have got a bad heart. We are a pair, aren't we?" Miss King became an ardent follower 42

Nell Warner, aged 80, yesterday described her late daughter as Mr Hill's biggest fan. They met in the sixties Great Yarmouth. "They were very great friends. His agent said Benny was devastated when he heard she was dead," she said yesterday.

Mrs Warner told how Jeanette read newspaper reports last year of the comedian's plans to leave her a fortune in his will. "I don't want Benny's money, I just want Benny," she said at the

performing at the Spa Pavil-

ion, Felixstowe, said Brenda

Garrison, the nursing home

warden who looks after her.

The comedian visited her ev-

ery summer after that, taking her for walks and hinch at a

"He used to come for about

a week at the end of June or in

July. He would never stay in a hotel. He was happy to be in the guest room here. It was quiet and nobody bothered him. He always took her out

and pushed her along the front in her wheelchair," Ms

"Phoebe is very upset. She

has lost a very dear friend.

They met first when she asked for Benny's autograph. It is a

remakable story of friendship

and devotion between two people from completely dif-

ferent worlds brought together by chance. Phoebe never

took the prospect of an inheri-

tance very seriously," she

Ms Garrison spoke to the comedian on the telephone

several weeks ago to tell him

Miss King had been admit-ted to hospital. "He was obvi-

ously very ill and he sounded

like a very frightened man. He told me he could not walk

ten steps without someone to

country club.

Bernard Richards, page 10 Diary, page 10 Obiasary, page 13 King: followed Hill's career for 42 years



Closing chapter. Mr Pringle is brought out on a chair stretcher and, below, Leanne Rees is carried screaming from the siege house

Police shot ends siege

By STEWART TENDLER. CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A DURHAM police marksman yesterday shot and wounded a gunman who had kept police at bay for 47 hours as he held his woman friend hostage in a terraced Darlington house.

Minutes after the police opened fire Keith Pringle, 24, was carried out of the house heavily bloodstained. Last night police said that Mr Pringle had been hit in the face with a single shot taken Middlesborough general hospital. The wound did not threaten his life.

At first police denied that they had opened fire and then later a spokesman for Durham police said Mr Pringle had been hit by a shot fired by one of the marksman positioned in a

Eddie Marchant, assistant chief constable of Durham, said the marksman

had feared for the life of the hostage and opened fire, wounding Mr Pringle in the neck. He said the Police Complaints Authority had accepted an invitation to supervise an investigation into the shooting which will be carried out by David Mellish, an assistant chief constable with Northum-

The armed siege at a council house in Lyonette Road, Darlington, ended just after 1pm yesterday after a single shot was heard. Leanne Rees, 21, the mother of two children by screaming frantically.

berland police.

Armed police stormed the building from the front and side, with three running into the house. One policeman came out carrying Learne, screaming hysterically, under his arm.

Seconds later an ambu-

lance arrived and two paramedics went into the house. An armed came out carrying a shotgun and Mr Pringle was brought out by police on a chair stretcher.

The siege started when Leanne's mother Pauline, 43, was shot as she left the use on Sunday afternoon. Earlier Pringle's close friend, Jason Ward, 20, of Neasham Road, Darlington, was shot on the ouskirts of the town. Mrs Rees, who had facial wounds, was said to be in a satisfactory condition in Middlesbrough general hospital, where Mr Ward was said to be "comfort-able".

At one stage yesterday police said that a shot was fired into a ceiling in the house at about 1.30am but was an accident and that Miss Rees was unharmed.

Cost of selling a house rises in spite of property slump

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

has gone up 7.5 per cent in spite of the collapse in proper-ty prices, according to figures released yesterday by the Woolwich building society.

However, the suspension of stamp duty meant a tempo-rary fall of 50 per cent in the cost of buying properties worth up to £250,000 in England and Wales, and 39 per cent in Scotland compared with a year earlier. Stamp

Northern Ireland

£1,899

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£3.257

duty, levied at 1 per cent of house value, accounts for about half the cost of buying.

However, the Woolwich said: "Now is the time to buy, and definitely before August, to take advantage of these falls in the cost of buying." However, the Woolwich stresses that these falls are The savings on buying would offset higher selling costs.
The costs of selling reflect a likely to last only until August 19 when stamp duty will be

reimposed on properties over £30,000. The underlying cost 7.5 per cent increase in estate agency fees and a 6.7 per cent of buying is up by 2.9 per cent reflecting the increased costs increase in solicitors fees. There are far fewer house sales going through for both of structural surveys and soestate agents and solicitors, but they have to try and re-main profitable. They there-A Woolwich spokesman fore put their costs up" the

> On the sale of a £150,000 house last year, an estate agent without sole rights would have charged on average £4,707 in Greater London. Now the figure is

The survey shows that selling costs are much higher in the South. They are twice as expensive in the South-East on average as in the North-East Selling a £150,000 house in East Anglia, for example, would cost £5,844, compared with £3,069 to sell a similar property in the North-East

The Woolwich forecasts that the cost of moving will rise dramatically after the reintroduction of stamp duty, with selling costs expensive as long as the property market remains depressed.

The survey was based on research in 42 towns around the country during January.

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Time to tackle the memo mountain

VIEW BY APPOINTMENT

THE COST OF BUYING AND

SELLING A £150,000 HOUSE

Total buying costs

BY JOE JOSEPH

IN A SCALE between "ending all hu-man misery" at one end and "ironing all socks" at the other, "clearing your desk" may rank near the sock-ironing end of world priorities. But because today is International Clear Your Desk Day, 250,000 British office workers will apparently make time to throw out ancient memos and faxes and to strip their desktops back to their shiny leatherette surfaces in the belief that

less paperwork will improve efficiency.
Ending cluttered desktop misery is a lucrative passion of Declan Treacy. who heads The Clear Your Desk! Organisation and makes a fancy E800-aday living out of visiting companies and telling them how to "manage their

Mr Treacy says we spend 45 minutes a day just looking for things on and

around our desks, and that each piece of paper will distract us up to five times a day. He calculates that, worldwide, computer printers churn out 2.5 million pieces of paper every minute and photocopies copy 60 million sheets of

Cluttered desks apparently lead to low productivity, lost information, missed opportunities, unwanted distractions, low morale and high stress. Mr Treacy cites boardroom bigwigs who work with clean desks, such as Sir John Harvey-Jones, the former head of ICI, Sir Allan Shepherd, the chief exec utive of Grand Metropolitan, and Richard Branson of Virgin Airlines. But then it is easier for them to stay tidy. Top people have neat desks for the same reason that the Queen doesn't have piles of dirty clothes around her bedroom: they all have little

people to do the clearing up for them.

point when he says: "There are only four things you can do with a piece of paper that lands on your desk — act on it, pass on it, file it or bin it."

Important memos, press releases, and letters from upset readers and aggrieved customers all serve a useful secondary office life as pads for noting down restaurant telephone numbers. as doodling paper, and as make-do cloths to wipe up the goo that oozes out of toasted cheese and tomato

Nor is a clean desk everything Anita Roddick of Bodyshop keeps a desk clear of paper but it is sometimes covered with nightingale droppings from her latest lip gloss. Jeffrey Archer. the novelist, keeps nothing but six pencils, six pens, a rubber, a pencil sharpener and a tiny clock on his desk.

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By RICHARD FORD AND CRAIG SETON

THE fiancée of a man wanted for questioning about the killing of a recruiting ser-geant in Derby was jailed for six weeks yesterday for wast-

Catherine Ogle, 22, a hotel kitchen assistant, admitted making calls to police telling them that three men wanted in connection with the shooting were on Guernsey in the Channel Islands. She had made calls to police hunting the killer of Sergeant Michael Newman who was shot in the head last week as he left a recruiting office.

Detectives in Derby are still

seeking more information about the escape route used by the three men involved in the attack. The men abandoned their car a quarter of a mile from where the soldier was shot and then ran almost a quarter of a mile, being seen by many people. But there the

Ogle, whose address was given as care of Le Chene Hotel, Guernsey, had telephoned the police in Derby to say that the men they wanted sey, magistrates on the island were told yesterday. Derby police have named

the men as Joseph Magee, 26, said in court to be Ogle's fiance and originally from Armagh City, Northern Ire-land, Declan Duffy, 19, and Anthony Gorman, 22, both originally from Belfast.

Ogle admitted wasting 1,287 man hours of police officers' time by making the calls. Inspector David Noyon, told the court that a taperecording of one call was played to Ogle and she had reluctantly admitted that the voice on the tape was hers.

Pauline Allen, for the defence, said that Ogle was prepared to leave the island immediately. She had little money and the maximum

fine for the offence was £1,000. Anthony Gillett, the magistrate, said an immediate custodial sentence was

Yesterday Don Dovaston, an assistant chief constable of Derbyshire, said that the last positive sighting of the three men wanted for questioning was in Salisbury Street in a residential area of Derby, but that there was no evidence that they had escaped in a second car. He said: "I would have thought it was rather strange to abandon one vehi-cle and not take to another." The men could still be in Derby or could have fled elsewhere. As the police search contin-

ued, a West Country racehorse trainer spoke of em-ploying Mr Magee for two months last year. Bob Manning said that he had em-ployed Mr Magee after plac-Sporting Life newspaper. Mr Magee worked at the stables at Winterbourne, near Bris-tol, for two months before he quit last April to return to his irl friend and baby in

Derbyshire.

Mr Manning said: "He kept ringing up and asking for a job and gave us a bit of a sob story and we took him on. He was such a nice, quiet, pleasant lad. There are quite a lot of Irish lads in racing." A jockey who was friendly with Mr Magee said that he

mixed perfectly in the racing world. "He had a Northern Irish accent and made no bones about the fact he came from Armagh. But he never Sergeant Newman's

funeral is not expected for several weeks as his body is being retained during the police investigation. The defence ministry said yesterday that the body was expected to



Wind band: children playing the kazoo at the launch yesterday of the week-long Norwich Sound City '92 music festival. The event was broadcast on Radio !

Thatcher insists that her way is the right way forward for Britain

MARGARET Thatcher's warning to John Major in the American magazine Newsweek repeats many of the principles she held sacro-sanct and which are largely ignored by the newly elected

government.

In the two-page article she argues for adhering to her legacy and rejecting the notion that there could exist such a thing as Majorism. The former prime minister begins by declaring: "People are asking is John Major free to go his own way!" That, she will allow, but only on condition that he follows on condition that he follows Conservative party princi-ples, those that she set out before the Conservatives

Rejecting the idea that Mr Major is his own man, Mrs Thatcher points to her own achievements over eleven and a half years which funda-mentally changed Britain, "ridding it of the debilitating, negative aspects of so-cialism". Pointing to the unique character of the British, and thereby including a jibe at those who would

Margaret Thatcher sees more intervention and spending by government as potential threats to her legacy, writes Lin Jenkins

says it had been buried under the "terrible creed" of socialism. "Our task as Conservatives was to uncover the enterprise, uncover this remarkable character. We didn't discover it. We knew it was there: we had great faith that although it had been smothered and strangled, if we got the laws right again, the spirit of enterprise would re-emerge. It took time."

Repeating her strongly held belief that socialism destroys a sense of responsi-bility. Mrs Thatcher issues the warning. "Now they've got to be jolly careful they don't give government too many extra powers and undo what I've done."

In a paragraph which hints at her own hurt at being at-tacked for her attitude to public services, she reasserts the need to generate wealth to increase the resources available for the health serminder that the last govern-ment reduced the share of

national income represented by government spending to below 40 per cent. Turning her attention to those "two or three" new ministers who would inter-vene in industry, although not mentioning Michael Heseltine, the trade and inresettine, the trade and in-dustry secretary, by name, Mrs Thatcher warns that such a policy would lead the economy downhill. "The task of government is to have sound finance: keep public expenditure and borrowing down. Otherwise, governdown. Otherwise, govern-ment is taking away the very resources that industry needs to invest and grow.

from savings."

She argues that many new MPs share her orthodox views on finance and says that the greatest danger to government in Britain "is having too many elected rep-

Investment can only come

resentatives who think they make their reputation or keep their seats by securing an extra chunk of public spending for their own conitnency or cause"

the Labour party as attrac-tive only to those who do not want to use initiative and who approve of carving up other people's wealth to give to those who do not use their own talent, Mrs Thatcher notes that socialism is being rejected the world over. Some Third World propagate Some Third World propagan-da suggests that all that is wrong is the distribution of wealth, but she warns that they are "siren voices". Although no longer in the driving seat, she makes clear that she still wishes to map the route. "Thatcherism will live. It will live long after Thatcher has died, because we had the courses to restore

we had the courage to restore the great principles and put them into practice, in keep-ing with the character of the people and the place of this

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Woman dismissed 'for office affair'

BY ROBIN STACEY

A MANAGER who had an affair with a female sales executive was allowed to keep his job while his lover was dismissed, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Bobby Tan was offered a transfer back to his home in Singapore while his lover, Helen Zao, a divorcee, was dismissed from her £19,000 a year job at the UK sales office of Times Printers Ltd in Rich-mond, London.

Management of the Singa-pore-owned printing com-pany refused to reconsider their decision even after Mr Tan offered to end the relationship and suggested that Mrs Zao be moved to another

Mrs Zao, a mother of two, who has since gone into busi-ness with Mr Tan, knew nothing about the haggling over her future until she received a fax message from the firm's headquarters commiserating with her about her

She is claiming sex dis-crimination. Her The central London tribunal was told that

Mrs Zao was sacked because a clause in her contract demanded that she behaved in a "seemly manner" in her pri-vate life. Mr Tan's contract contained no such clause.

Mr Tan told the hearing that their relationship had not interfered with their work. He said: "We took pains to be very discreet." The tribunal was told that Mr Tan promoted Mrs Zao from secretary to sales manager shortly after their affair began in February 1990. He

a result of the affair. The group's directors be-came disenchanted with the performance of the three-person office when it came bottom of their international sales league table. Ricky Ang. a director, wrote to the pair after their affair had been disclosed saying: "The sales performance of your office was the worst of all the sales teams for the year 1989/90. I am sure that your actions have played a part in these

performance figures. The case continues today.

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Teachers seek more help to curb pupil violence

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION REPORTER

threat to educational standards and classroom harmony that the government and local authorities have yet to address properly. Britain's second largest teaching union claimed yesterday.

The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers voted unanimously at its conference in Scarborough to condemn the lack of support offered to schools facing disruptive behaviour. Delegates demanded that teachers be consulted before excluded pupils were readmitted to ordinary lessons. Members of the union at Bishop Llandaff School, Cardiff, went on strike for eight days last year after the readmittance of three boys accused of sexual assault.

Jim West, of the Solent, proposing the motion, said that stress-related illness was abnormally common among teachers and many faced ugly disciplinary crises every day at work. "Too often the education of the majority of our pupils is hindered by the disruptive behaviour of the few," he said.

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Steve Illingworth, from Bradford, said that many parents were too indulgent towards children who needed to be taken in hand. "We find John Patten, our education secretary, asking us to remind pupils that God doesn't like them to be naughty," he said. "Somehow I don't think

that's going to work."
The motion reflects disquiet in the teaching profession at the increase in violence in the classroom. The Ehon Report commissioned by the government in 1988 found that almost 2 per cent of teachers faced acts of physical aggression each week. The number of places in local authority special schools and however, forcing many

DISRUPTIVE pupils pose a schools to readmit pupils or pay for home tuition.

Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, said that making parents liable for pupils' behaviour would solve nothing. Local authorities had to recognise their responsibility to schools

and budget accordingly.

☐ While the National Union of Teachers has toyed this week with a radicalism reminiscent of the mid 1980s, the moderate NAS/UWT is cultivating an image of studied pragmatism at

The union is faced with a new educational landscape of delegated budgets, opt-out schools and league tables, which it dislikes but is learning to accept. Calls for reform of government policy are more likely than demands for outright abolition, and the proposals for a national boycott of teachers' assessment and industrial action over classroom size face an uphill

Yesterday the executive easily fended off an amendment calling for the abolition of local management of schools which gives each school re-sponsibility for its wages and costs. Instead a more pragmatic motion was passed stressing the continuing role of local authorities and calling for teachers' pay to be funded on the basis of actual costs rather than average

Delegates also voted yesterday against the publication of exam results in league table form as is now required by the Parents Charter. The union appeared, however, to give implicit approval to league tables which took proper account of social and economic factors and measured the "value added" to pupils' performance by each school.

Pay demand, page 1

Editor is rebuked over show

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ANDREW Neil, editor of The Sunday Times, violated guidelines on impartiality by devoting almost all of his twohour programme on LBC, a London radio station, to a story in his newspaper, the

Radio Authority has ruled. A listener who complained about a February 2 broadcast of The Andrew Neil Show said that it was wrong for an editor of a national newspaper "broadly" supporting the government to conduct a current affairs programme that was supposed to be im-partial. The article "Kinnock and the Kremlin" had damaged the Labour party, the

complainant said. The authority said the story was debated in a balanced way but it was wrong for Mr Neil to chair a discussion about an issue in which he had played a key role.

Abattoirs take to the road

By Michael Hornsby AGRICULTURE

ABATTOIRS on wheels could soon improve animal welfare by reducing the need for long and stressful journeys to distant slaughterhouses. The mobile units would visit farms and kill animals on the

The agriculture ministry has approved a design submitted by the Humane Slaughter Association, which plans to have them manufactured for £120,000 each by an engineering company in

Miriam Parker, the association's assistant director, said that the units would be staffed and equipped to kill, dress and chill up to ten cattle or 20 pigs or 50 sheep a day. They are expected to be particular-ly useful for farmers who are raising wild boar and deer in

Short wins in 28 moves to take lead

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Short beat Anatoly Karrov on Monday night in anion of the Ruy Lopez open-ing. After 25 moves, Short Karpov on Monday night in one of the shortest games the former world champion has lost. The victory puts Short, Britain's highest ranked grandmaster, one point ahead in the world chess semichampionship final in Linares, Spain. There was no play last night.

Short has been placing his Russian rival under increasing pressure as the ten-game match has progressed. In spite of losing the first game, the run of recent play has been entirely in Short's

favour. In the sixth game Short, white, confused Karpov with an unusual vari-



abcdefgh Game 6 after 26 moves

was exerting substantial pressure but the capture of an innocent pawn turned out to be catastrophic for Karpov.

Short's devastating reply, moving a rook one square to the side where it faced the black queen, was lethal. The black queen had nowhere to run because of a vulnerable rook. Shattered by his error, Karpov gave up his queen and he resigned on move 28.

Short had earlier won the adjourned fourth game after 76 moves and had settled for a draw in the fifth game. Short now leads the match by 34 to 24 points.

The moves in Game 6, with Short playing white, were:

White Bisch
1 s4 e5
2 Nf3 Ne6
3 8b5 s6
4 8s4 Nf6
5 0-0 8e7
6 Ce2 b5
7 8b3 0-0
8 c3 d4
10 Nbd2 8c5
11 8c2 8b6
12 Nb3 8g4
13 N3 8g73
14 Qxf3 25

New DPP to fight for court reform

By RICHARD FORD

THE new Director of Public Prosecutions started work yesterday, vowing to continue to press for lawyers in the Crown Prosecution Service to be given rights of audience in the higher courts.

Barbara Mills, QC, took up her £77,000-a-year appointment as the first woman DPP in succession to Sir Allan Green, QC, who resigned last year after kerb-crawling allegations. Mrs Mills, aged 51, for-merly director of the Serious

Fraud Office, said that her only disappointment was the decision last week by a government advisory committee that the CPS, which she heads, should not be allowed to present cases in higher courts. She said: "I am disappointed about the advice given by Lord Griffiths's committee, but I will continue to fight vigorously for rights of audience for CPS lawyers." The Bar and senior mem-

bers of the judiciary have fought the CPS's attempt to gain rights of audience in cases lasting up to three



In camera: Barbara Mills, QC, meeting the press on her first day as Director of Public Prosecutions

days. The 16-member committee of lawyers and laymen said that granting limited rights of audience to the service, which employs 2,000 lawyers, could lead to a state monopoly of prosecution advocacy. The Bar's opponents

say that it is trying to stop competition, particulary in criminal cases. Mrs Mills said that she had lost her rights of audience by becoming employed by the

government. Mrs Mills, a graduate of

Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, acted for the prosecu-tion against Michael Fagan for his intrusion into the Oueen's bedroom, and defended Winston Silcott at his trial and his appeal against conviction for the murder

of PC Keith Blakelock. Her husband, John, is a Labour member of Camden They have four children.

John Mortimer.

Gunman abducts children on beach

BY RONALD FAUX

A MASKED man abducted two children and tied them up at gunpoint, 100 yards from where they were having

a family picnic. The girl aged 11 and her brother aged six were playing in rock pools on the beach at Birkdale, near Southport. Merseyside, on Monday when the man grabbed them from behind. He pointed a pistol at them and forced them to move away from the crowds into a secluded area of sand dunes.

The boy was forced to lie face down on the ground, his hands were tied behind his back and he was blindfolded with a balaclava. His sister was blindfolded with a handkerchief and taken further into the dunes.

The boy wriggled free and ran screaming to his parents who were searching for the children. The father shouted his daughter's name and she appeared over the dunes 200 yards away.

The father chased the attacker but he fled towards the Royal Birkdale golf course and disappeared. Police believe he was carrying an imitation handgun.

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Holidays and weekends are the worst times to be ill

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

PATIENTS needing opera-tions should avoid falling ill at weekends or on public holi-days. They will also stand a better chance if they have their operations when full-time staff, rather than locum surgeons or anaesthetists, are working.

A report into nearly 19,000 deaths that happened in 1990 within 30 days of sur-gery has identified failings in treatment and management of patients. Overall, the report says, the death rate is very low, 0.7 per cent of all operations, but it could be lower.

The enquiry, funded by the health department, has been carried out with the collaboration of the medical colleges and associations. It covers deaths after operations throughout the UK excluding

The lack of specialised facil-ities at weekends and over holiday periods was a para-dox, Professor Donald Campbell, chairman of the National Confidential Enqui-

rds of patients, lac reg post-morben examina-ing post-morben examina-tion results, need significant improvement. More post-morten examinations should be carried out.

All surgeons and annesthet-ists should be subject to performance review and continuing training.

Supervision of locum appointments at all grades needs urgent review.

ry into Perioperative Deaths, said yesterday. Demand for emergency services peaked during holidays because of road and other accidents, yet senior staff were often thin on the ground at those periods. The report says that many essential services were "deficient or closed" at peak times such as Christmas and at

night.
Recording that 23 per cent of deaths in orthapaedic and trauma surgery happened at weekends and on public holi-days, the report adds: "Some might have been avoided if services had not been reduced."

The report also criticises the record-keeping of some health districts as appalling, and the provision of locums, who often admit being inadequately trained or out of prac-

tice with certain procedures. Brendan Devlin, a surgeon and one of the report's au-thors, said: "We often need locums at short notice. There is no national system for validating qualifications, and the locums have to work in a strange place with no

back-up."

The supervision of locums in surgery and anaesthesia needs urgent review, the re-port concludes. Too few patients having operations were anaesthetised either with the advice of or in the presence of a consultant anaesthetist. Among those who died after operations, only half had had the benefit of a consultant.

There were too few consultations between surgeons and anaesthetists, and 15 per cent of those who died had been anaesthetised by senior house officers with no higher

National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Deaths. (En-quiry office, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2 3PN; 59)



Labour of love: Jerry Fox of Sotheby's puts the final touches to a late 19th-century Italian Travertine white marble fountain, which was among the stonework shipped from a garden near Boston, Massachusetts, to be rebuilt at Sotheby's in Billingshurst, West Sussex. The 400-tonne collection

reassembled with the aid of a 30tonne crane ready for an auction at Sotheby's on May 27 (John Shaw writes). "It was very exciting - just like giant lego," James Rylands, a statuary expert, said as he waited to see the crane driver slip the last

tion how these pieces will look in situ." The stonework came from a 30-acre garden which once belonged to a wealthy industrialist. After his death, the house became a school, and the governors have likely to fetch about £500,000. The

sweeping stone staircase leading down to a rectangular palladianstyle jetty. There were huge entrance gates, and urns and figures. The fountain, which has three bowls supported by hippocampi, is

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THE TIMES

A gunman stole almost E300,000 in a dawn raid on a security van outside a central London casino. He snatched a cash box containing £216,000 in bank notes and £73,000 in cheques from outside Crockfords Casino in Mayfair.

The raider threatened a security guard with a gun as he left the casino at 5.35am on Sunday, forcing him to hand over the bank holiday

Cycle limit

Proposals to impose a 3mph speed limit on fell cyclists in the Lake District national park are to be discussed by the area's special planning board next week. Cycle groups said that a 15mph limit would be more realistic.

Prize deer

Deer dug up and ate Easter eggs buried for children to find during a week-long holiday egg hunt at Stansted Mountfitchet castle, Stansted, Essex. Last minute re-placements allowed the event to begin yesterday.

Conscience call

A raider who stole several thousand pounds from a public house in Longford, Coventry, while three people were asleep, telephoned police to say that he had broken a pipe and caused a gas leak.

Be prepared

Wiltshire police have given a warning that bogus Scouts, in uniform, are tricking people into giving them cash during bob-a-job week.

Coffin found

A coffin buried 250 years ago, containing the body of a ciergyman's wife, was found after a floor collapsed in the parish church at St Erth, Cornwall.

Deep dining

A picnic area has opened 400ft underground in the Dan yr Ogof cave system at Abercrave, Powys.

Cancer drug found in Himalayan trees

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A SCIENTIST whose mother two years ago in the Pacific and grandmother died from cancer of the ovaries has discovered large quantities of an anti-cancer drug in the leaves of a Himalayan tree.

The drug, called taxol, is identical to the substance that was found in the bark of the Pacific yew and which tests in America indicate can control the growth of a wide variety of tumours including breast, lung and ovarian cancers.

yew, Taxus brevifolia, triggered controversy between researchers and environmentalists. Peeling away the bark to collect the drug kills the 200year-old trees and is damaging the ancient north Amer-

ican forest environment, it is The method is also expensive with at least eight trees needed to produce enough taxol to treat one patient. The The discovery of taxol over discovery of the substance in

the leaves of a closely related species means that the drug can be harvested without harming the trees. Professor Lester Mitscher.

who made the find, also believes that, given the location of the trees, the anti-cancer agent, at present very scarce. can be processed from the leaves cost-effectively using local labour and factories.

The identification of taxol in Asian yews was made during two trips to the Himalsyas by Professor Mitscher. professor of medicinal chemistry at the University of Kan-

Yesterday he said that the trees were possibly sub species of the European yew that had been planted by settlers. He said that high mountain areas with sun and rain seemed to favour taxol production in the yew's leaves. An industrial-scale process for removing the anti-cancer agent had

been developed and plans

have been laid to commercially extract the taxol for shipping to the West for refining Professor Mitscher said his

research grew from a personal as well as professional interest. "The fact that my mother and grandmother died from ovarian cancer ... is certainly a strong motivat-ing factor. I would feel that my lifetime is justified if I can do something practical to help out in similar situations," he said.

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US awaits landmark ruling on abortion

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

THE US Supreme Court starts to hear a case today that could decide whether women throughout the United States still have a constitutional right to abortion.

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In its review of a Pennsylvania law — which imposes a 24-hour waiting period on women who want a termination and requires a husband to be notified of a pregnancy - the court is likely to make a ruling that will grant states a virtual free hand in framing legislation on abortion.

Louisiana and Utah have already passed laws banning abortion, and several other states have enacted legislation restricting access to abor-tion. Eleven states are poised to pass bans, depending on the Supreme Court's decision. Pro-choice advocates and opponents of abortion are agreed that the conservative-dominated Supreme Court will use the opportunity to destroy the legal frame-work for abortion established by the court's 1973 Roe ver-

sus Wade ruling.
The Bush administration has put its weight behind the Pennsylvania law. "In our view, a state's interest in protecting foetal life throughout pregnancy outweighs a wom-an's liberty interest in abor-tion." the administration's Solicitor General has informed the court.

Kathryn Kolbert, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union who will present the case against the Pennsyl-vania law on behalf of several abortion rights groups, said she was pessimistic about her chances. "I can count votes as as well as anyone."

The Pennsylvania law requires doctors to advise any woman seeking a termination about alternatives to abortion. Most of this advice must be given 24 hours before an abortion. Under the law, a

girl aged under 18 needs the permission of a parent or judge before having an abortion, and a married woman must notify her husband

Anti-abortion groups have increasingly tried to switch the debate about abortion to the need for measures requiring parental consent before minors can have termina-tions. Opinion polls have shown that even people who favour access to abortion support the idea of parental consent. The anti-abortion groups have also used the parental consent argument to break down established legal principles supportive of

abortions.

As the Supreme Court has become steadily more conservative, the justices have been lowering the threshold for state restrictions on abortion. In 1986, the court was still paying homage to the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling, stating that "a woman's right to make that choice is fundamental". But in a Missouri case it reviewed in 1989, the court decided that states could impose restrictions as long as an "undue burden", defined vaguely, was not placed on a woman's right to abortion. The effect of the ruling was to allow Missouri to restrict the use of public money, medical personnel and facilities for abortions.

If the court re-affirms its "undue burden" principle, then the Pennsylvania law will survive, but sweeping bans as enacted in Louisiana and Utah will fall. However, if the justices decide that there must simply be a rational basis for any restriction, then the constitutional protection provided by the 1973 ruling will collapse. Four of the nine Supreme Court justices have indicated that they support a hands-off approach.

Militant Christians stir up passions

By Jamie Dettmer

IN FARGO, North Dakota, Dr Alan Lindeniann has deided not to perform abor-ions after tellow doctors told im that his family would be anned if he continued.

This is just one example of the intolerance sweeping America over the abortion issue. Activists on both sides see themselves as heirs to the civil rights movement of the 1960s and, as then, exhibit an assonishing level of passion and conviction.

In Buffalo, New York state, on Monday a two-week campaign started which is designed to force the closure of the town's three abortion clinics. It is mounted by Operation Rescue, a fundamentalist group, and could lead to violence. In Wichita, Kansas,

last year, Operation Rescue's activities led to 3,000 arrests. The Lambs of Christ is one of the most feared of the direct action groups. They have made North Dakota into a virtual abortion-free state. Only two doctors are prepared to perform abor-tions and that is because both of them live outside the state and fly in to staff the Woman's Health Centre in Fargo. Susan Wickland, one of the doctors, and her family are protected by a security firm and her children suffer

harassment on the street. In the end, whether a woman can get an abortion could well depend as much on these groups as on the Supreme Court or a state



Locked in debate: supporters and opponents of the death penalty arguing outside the main gate of San Quentin prison. About 2,000 opponents had protested outside the jail, but by the time Harris was executed yesterday, only about 30 protesters were keeping vigit

Death row frenzy seizes America as media circus overrides moral debate

ELEVENTH-HOUR and ultimately unsuccessful appeals to save the life of Robert Alton Harris, convicted of killing two teenagers in 1978, merely heightened the morbid public and media obsession with his fate that so gripped the West Coast of the United States during the Easter holiday weekend

The frenzy surrounding Harris, who finally died in the gas chamber yesterday, will come as no surprise to 19th-century or 18th-century social historians. The scale of the media circus that has descended on the little seaside village of San Quentin, over which the prison looms like a giant concrete sand castle, raises inevitable speculation about whether such interest has more to do with popular entertainment than public

Executions were traditionally held on public holidays. perhaps in the belief that everyone was like Boswell, who confided to his London Journal that he had "a horrid eagerness to be there". Moving executions to the inside of prisons coincided with the rise of the mass media, which has ensured that they remain a public spectacle. For the 48 hours leading up to Harris's execution, the California radio waves were dominated by phone-in shows discussing methods of execution, with recollections of how public hangings were a weekly Friday morning event in San Francisco in the early part of the century.

In The Executioner's Song, Norman Mailer's exhaustive account of Gary Gilmore's execution in 1977, there is a macabre moment that catches the extent of the media's appetite for executions. When journalist Larry Schiller, who had struck a cheque-book deal with Gilmore for his exclusive story, gets inside the prison at dawn for his last interview he realises he has

Obsession with the death penalty in America cannot be described simply as a search for order amid chaos or as fear of a rising crime rate, William Cash reports from San Quentin



Awaiting the final decision: abused as a child, Robert Harris seemed a good case for elemency

forgotten his notebook. He is forced to scrawl Gilmore's last words on the back of real

Over the past week, the Los Angeles Times introduced a quirky "Execution Journal" column from San Quentin which has reported on how television producers have offered thousands of dollars to locals for the right to park their satellite vans in driveways and turn bungalows into round-the-clock "death watch" headquarters. Local newspapers featured hourglasses on "Execution Count-

down" pages. In June last year a federal judge ruled against a San Francisco television station allowed to film the execution

The grounds for the court's decision were that the broadcast would provoke a frenzy among immates with access to receivers. Earlier this month a Fox TV special called Live! From Death Row was broadcast. It parodied a ficticious tabloid television show that turns tragedy into early evening entertainment.

But America's obsession with capital punishment when the practice has been abandoned by much of the industrialised Western world cannot simply be explained as fear of ever-growing crime rate. Texas, where murder rates are below the national average, has recently been executing an average of nearone death-row inmate a

But Governor Pete Wilson, in a carefully staged and scripted speech live on tele-Part of the modern appeal of executions in America is vision last Thursday, chose to that they provide a form of communal focus for evil in a satisfy the masses and, once again, appease the Republisociety where confidence in can right although he has traditional sources of comfort made a personal crusade

his father kicked his mother

in the stomach in a jealous

throughout his 16 months in

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lack of knowledge. While Harris could barely write a letter, Gilmore had an IQ of

140, was a gifted painter and

executed, the final-hour legal

wrangling coming from state

lawyers who wanted to stop the execution. "You sen-

tenced me to die," Gilmore

told them as they tried to get a

last minute stay, "unless it's a

Harris was convicted of the killing of two 16-year-old

boys who were sitting in a

San Diego fast food restau

rant. After stealing their car,

he shot them before going on

to rob a bank. What has

always really irked Califor-

nians is that, after killing the

boys, he sat down and ate

their hamburgers. "It seemed fun at the time" Harris told a

police psychiatrist after his arrest. But there was nothing

entertaining about Harris's

execution, only a tragic and

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dubious moral point.

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pregnancy can lead to perma-nerit psychological damage. Not only has the lastsaid to offer an illusion of order in a world seemingly minute constitutional wranout of control. gling made Governor Wilson They also provide an element of social catharsis by look foolish but, more imporreassuring the public that the system is working, which is tantly in an election year, his political juggling has spoiled his one chance of demonstrating that he had character. To compare Harris's execution with Gilmore's shows a

especially relevant to California, where gang shootings in Los Angeles are endemic, despite its affluent, trend-setting image. Also, the video of the brutal beating of Rodney King lingers in the public mind as the televised trial of could quote Shelley. While Harris's lawyers have stretched his appeals over 13 years, Gilmore asked to be the police officers allegedly

for life's uncertainties, such as

religion and the law, is at a

record low. Executions are

responsible drags on.
As John Carey, the Oxford critic, has argued, the media's obsession with death, from air crashes to obituaries, is rooted in placating mankind's desire to place himself in the comforting position of a survivor. The only snag with the deluge of death that swamps newspapers and tele-vision sets is that it ultimately seems meaningless: it has no

When Martin Amis read Truman Capote's In Cold Blood, he observed that you are left simply with a sense of the human mess and futility that attends all death. Executions, however, invest death

with moral point.

Or do they? If there was ever a case more appropriate for clemency, it must be Harris's. He was beaten and abused as a child, spent al-most all his adult life in prison and suffered psychological impairment from foetal alcohoi syndrome. He was born

the cards in school yards Collectable

Killing on

cards of noted murderers have ousted those of sports stars. James Bone reports

lmost every American Aschoolboy has collected baseball cards with the faces of his favourite players. But now a new craze is sweeping the country's vi-olence-ridden playgrounds - serial killer cards.

Instead of trading pic-tures of such All-American heroes as Babe Ruth and Willie Mays, kids are swapping portraits of Charles Manson, the cult killer, and Jeffrey Dahmer. the necrophile and cannibal. The cards have raised prompting two legislators in New York state to try to This is not right, and I think it is time society spoke up." said Ellen Lev-in, a victims' rights activist whose daughter was murdered in New York's Central Park six years ago.

Made by several manu-facturers, the cards come n sets with titles such as Mass Murderers/Serial Killers, Famous Murderers and Assassins. On the reverse side they curry a detailed account of the killer's criminal career. Among those "honoured" for instance, is Edmund Emil Kemper, a long-for-gotten necrophile affectionately referred to by his first name. "Edmund as a child showed severe psychological disturbance. the card explains. "At age 13 he cut the family car into pieces and had sadistic fantasies while playing with his gun. Edmund grew to be 6ft 9in tall weighing 280lb."

The card continues: "On May 7, 1972, he picked up two girls, then killed them and dissected them and buried the pieces in the mountains. On September 14, Kemper picked up a 15-year-old girl raped her and decapi-tated her and buried the paris. On January 8, 1973, Edmund picked up a girl, killed her and took her body home and engaged in sex acts." The card con-cludes with an account of how he killed his mother. Serial killers have been

in vogue in America since last year's hit film The Silence of the Lambs, the tale of how a jailed cannibal helps in the bunt for another mass murderer. 'Are we no longer moved by the depravity exhibited by these individuals, or are we so insensitive that we can trade these cards as though they are portrayals of sports heroes?" asked a statement issued by Alan Hevesi, an assemblyman, and Senator Christopher Mega, the two New York legislators trying to re-strict their sale. What message do these cards give to our young people?" The manufacturers, however, are unrepentant.





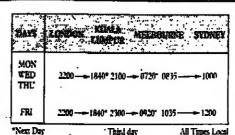


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Sarajevo at the mercy of Serb guns

Renewed bloodshed dashes West's hopes

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN BELGRADE

FULL-scale fighting crupted yesterday in Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina, as Serb forces pounded the city with mortar and rocket fire, securing an advance on the centre, held by Muslim and Croat forces.

After three days of relative calm, Sarajevo residents were woken by the sound of sniper and machinegun fire. Shrap-nel littered desented streets. The fighting flared despite efforts by the United States and Europe in the past few days to induce Serbia to end its involvement in the Bosnian conflict. The upsurge in hostilities has dealt a blow to hopes that the bloodshed can still be stemmed.

Bossi's Red fellow travellers accused

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

off by the Italian general elec-tion earlier this month saying that a "bit of instability per-AS 90 newly elected members of parliament from the League of the North prepared to sit in the Italian parliahaps will accustom us citizens ment for the first time tomorto behave like human berow, the Christian Democrat ings". Signor Vertone wrote that it would be useless to blame Umberto Bossi, the party has accused the devolutionist movement of being league's leader, for having broken up Italy. The men of supported by "opportunist" intellectuals, some of whom previously exalted the merits rebels" and opportunists, Il Popolo said.

of the Red Brigades.
The Christian Democrat party newspaper, Il Popolo. in a leading article by Sandro Fontana, its editor, lashed out at a group of prominent let erati who have vehemently criticised the defects of the traditional Italian political parties in such northern establishment newspapers as Corriere della Sera and La

Stampa. Signor Fontana also singled out Piero Ottone, a leading columnist for La Repubblica newspaper, who in 1987 in another news-paper called the Red Bri-gades extremist group "a model of organisation and three other prominent men of letters, Severio Vertone and Giovanni Robboni, who write for Corriere della Sera, and Guido Ceronetti, a poet who

Signor Robboni had hailed

Gun battles also raged after local ambulances were around a building occupied unable to operate because of by United Nations peacethe continued firing. keeping forces. Blue-helmet Two civilians were killed troops took up positions outwhen their vehicle suffered a side the building, exchanging direct hit and more than 20 their intended peace-keeping others are understood to have been wounded in the attack, role for self-defence.

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All but two of the 90 new

MPs will take up their seats for the first time in tomor-

row's first session of parlia-ment since the election. One

problem facing parliamenta-ry officials will be to decide

here the federalist deputies

should sit in the chamber.

Signor Bossi has threatened

to boycost the election of a new president of the Cham-ber of Deputies if his group is

fascist Italian Social Move-

ment members of parliament on the far right of the

He has demanded that the

league be given seats posi-

tioned between the Christian

Democrats and the centrist

Nine mortar shells hit the city's television station and a police station was also attacked by Serb snipers firing from high-rise buildings

Fikret Abdic, a Muslim member of Bosnia's collective leadership, said that the at-tack marked a clear escala-tion towards all-out war. He non towards all-out war. He added: "They are trying to break Sarajevo in two." The city has been under siege by Serb forces since the European Community recognised Bosnia's independence two

The Serbs, who account for less than a third of the city's population, have been steadily occupying suburbs and the surrounding hills, and their leaders boast that they are in a position to take it.

from their headquarters to

collect the wounded from the

streets in armoured vehicles

launched from Serb positions

outside the city. The centre was still sealed off last night.

In Belgrade, Slobodan Milosevic, Serbia's president, rejected US criticism of his role as groundless and accused America of unwarranted intervention in its affairs. A meeting between Mr Milo-sevic and Ralph Johnson, a US State Department offi-cial, was described by sources close to the talks as tense. Mr Johnson, the sources said, had conveyed Washington's aggression in Bosnia". In a communique issued after-wards, the federal presidency denied that Serbia had territorial claims on Bosnia.

America has said that it will break off diplomatic relations with Belgrade, and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe has also warned Serbis, which now dominates all Yugoslav Institutions, that it is out of line with its commitments to the organisation. The CSCE will meet next Wednesday to review the situation.

Republican party and the Liberal party. This may be Yesterday the State Departopposed by the Christian Democrats, who do not want to give up their traditional

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Rostov Ripper admits to being a flaw of nature

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

ANDREI Chikatilo, the Russian confessed serial killer and cannibal, described himself in court yesterday as "a mad beast" driven by a flawed nature to rape and

slaughter rampages. Shaven-headed and staring eyed Mr Chikatilo testi-fied from a cage at his trial in the southern city of Rostov-on-Don. He told the court he murdered at least 55 people in a 10-year series of atrocities. In his first testimony, he acknowledged that he was the mystery attacker who stalked adolescents of both sexes, raping them and killing with a knife, a rope or his teeth. Mr Chikatilo, aged 56, now

dubbed "the Rostov Ripper", said that he was unsure how many victims he had slain in

southern Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. "Possibly 55, maybe more," he told the judge, Tass reported.

Tense courtroom sessions, broken by the distraught veeping of female relatives, have heard that the former schoolteacher raped and slaughtered teenagers and ate their sexual organs. "I am a mistake of nature, a mad beast," Mr Chikatilo said.

The trial began last week with an outburst from the prisoner that he had been denied a chance to speak on his own behalf. Gristy evidence from the prosecution has occupied the trial till now. Mr Chikatilo was arrested in 1990 for 53 murders and confessed to 55, showing police the burial places of enggers whose deaths had gone unrecorded. He faces the death penalty - tradition-ally a bullet in the back of the

head - if convicted. He sought to persuade the court that he was a victim of the former Soviet totalitarian

system, Tass said. He spoke

of an early life in poverty, constant travelling about and staying in various lodging places, enduring rudeness from employers. Mr Chika-tilo said he had been a Young Communist League member and later joined the Soviet Communist party. He said he graduated from the Institute of Marxism-Leninism,

worked as a lecturer and had dreamed of having a top political career in the comm ideological system which Russia has now renounced.

Defence psychiatrists say Mr Chikatilo from early childhood suffered torments during a brutal period of Soviet repression. What he lived through in his child-hood was dreadful. When he started telling me about his his illness," psychiatrist Aleksandr Bukhanovsky, sald in a press interview. "It started from his earliest childhood." He told the psychiatrist that his brother had been eaten by starving peasants during a 1930s Ukraine famine.

Talks on Black Sea fleet dispute put off

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA and Ukraine yesterday postponed the first round of inter-government talks on the Black Sea fleet less than 24 hours before they were to begin in the Ukrainian port of Odessa. A guarded statement issued in Moscow and Kiev said the postponement was at the request of both sides for their mutual convenience. The talks will now begin next Wednesday.

Yuri Dubinin, Russia's recently appointed ambassador to Ukraine and a member of the Russian delegation, told reporters that there was no political reason for the post-

the question meant that more time was required for preparation. Mr Dubinin, who was Soviet ambassador in Paris at the time of the August coup in Moscow, said the talks would deal only with the Black Sea fleet, and would not touch on jurisdiction over Crimea.

Armenia protests: Armenia yesterday lodged a formal complaint over a Russian decision to hand over part of the former Soviet fleet in the Caspian Sea to Azerbaijan. The Armenian foreign ministry described the step as dangerous. (Reuter)

Ex-king allowed to return

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

FORMER King Michael of Romania has been given permission to return to his native country to take up an invitation by the Romanian Ortho-dox Church to celebrate Easter this weekend.

1990 to return to Romania, from which the young king was driven out by the commu-nists in 1947, were thwarted by the post-communist Bucharest government. However, the foreign ministry said yesterday that the former king would be given a visa as a common citizen without

delay.

King Michael and his wife Anne, who live in Switzer-land, will attend Easter sernear the Moldavian frontier. There is little popular support for his reinstatement as king, but his visit is likely to fuel debate over the monarchy at a time of deep political divi-

sions in Romania. King Michael, with five daughters but no sons, is the only surviving second world war head of state. Romania prevented Swissair from fly-ing him back at Easter 1990. and at Christmas he was expelled soon after landing when he tried to visit the family tombs near Bucharest.



King Michael: to get

attempt to stop lava Zaferrana: A small group of tourists, who evaded police checkpoints and climbed

Tourists

frustrate

Mount Eina yesterday. forced Italian and American marines to postpone an at-tempt to block a flow of lava

from the erupting volcano.

The group had come too close to the source of the lava to allow explosives to be deto-nated, American military sources said, and the operation was put back to later in the afternoon. The marines were planning to block an underground river of lava which is threatening the vil-lage of Zafferana. Stiff winds thwarted a bid to stem the flow on Monday. (Reuter)

Police injured

Berlin: Twelve policemen were injured, three seriously, and 21 people were arrested in clashes at the end of a demonstration "against rac-ism and fascism", police said. The raily was one of about 150 in Germany during the four-day Easter break. (AFP)

Scientists stay

Moscow: No top nuclear weapons specialists of the former Soviet Union have gone abroad to work and restrictions on their travel remain as rigid as ever. Victor Mikhailov, the Russian atomic energy minister, told the workers' daily Trud. (AFP)

Credit offered

Madrid: Spain is to grant Ukraine a \$250 million (£143 million) credit line to encourage trade between the two dez Ordonez, the foreign minister, said before leaving for Russia and Ukraine on an official visit. (Reuter)

Warders held

Sofia: Bulgarian police have arrested three communist-era labour camp warders on charges of killing prisoners. Lilko Yotzov, the chief mili-He said two men and a woman were now awaiting interrogation.[Reuter]

Clean-up order

Athens: The Greek govern-ment has empowered local governors to take whatever steps are necessary, including hiring outside help, in dispose of the piles of rubbish that have accumulated during a 13-day national strike by refuse collectors. (AP)

Easter road toli

Madrid: Highway accidents claimed 171 lives as Spanish drivers took to the roads in droves during the Easter week hotidays, officials of the national traffic office said. The accidents also left 175 people injured. (AP)

Guards killed

Kishinev, Moldavia: Four Transdnestr guards were killed and two Moldavian police officers wounded in separate clashes in eastern Moldavia, officials said here. Three of the guards were killed while attacking a village police station. (AFP)

Wine barred

Tokyo: Japan's health ministry stopped sales of a further 19 brands of Italian wine suspected of containing a chemical banned for use in food, an official said. The wine is being tested for meth-yl isothiocyanate. (Reuter)

WARSAW NOTEBOOK by Roger Boyes

Limo politicians bask in new status

R ipples of alarm spread through the Polish political class the other day when thieves snatched the red Peugeot of Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the former prime minister.

A police patrol spotted the car and gave chase through Warsaw's streets. Eventually the police car's engine blew a gasket: the rundown patrol vehicles are no match for the smart Western limousines of the new political establish-ment. Scizing the moment, a high-powered team of car-alarm salesmen infiltrated parliament and various party headquarters to ped-dle their sirens to worried politicians.

To travel in style is the great craving of statushungry governors in the east of Europe. Indeed, the first moral problem of the Solidarity government after taking power in 1989 was whether to accept a batch of Lancias ordered from Fiat by the communists, or whether to travel to work by tram. They chose the Lan-

cias and initiated a car revolution. Politicians are no longer taken seriously un-less they have a four-door limousine at their command. The only difference



between left and right is that former communists tend to eschew drivers.

Some years ago, Lech Walesa used to fix clapped out Russian and Polish cars to pay the bills when he was thrown out of the shipyards. Nowadays, as president, he is driven around in a bullet-proof

Mercedes. But at weekends he uses an air force jet to travel to Gdansk to visit his wife and eight children. The flight, says an offi-

cial, is a routine training mission and the president is simply hitching a ride. It does not therefore figure on the presidential budget, which has been submitted to parliament - about £16 million a year covering a staff of 230 and restoration of the kitchen of the Belvedere Palace. Even so, the suspicion remains that Poland could save some sorely needed money if the presi-dent's wife joined her husband in Warsaw.

The old political class preferred the train to the car. They had their Chaika limousines and their solid Zils, special delivery from the Moscow car factories. But the trains opened up new political possibilities, providing a useful mobile hideout for political encounters. They were used especially for secret meetings near the

1960s, these government trains were the last word in hixury. The most enthusiastic train travellers were the first postwar party leaders, Bolesiaw Bierut and Wlad-yslaw Gomulka. In those days a company of soldiers was positioned next to the leaders' carriages. Now the trains are protected only by an overweight dog and they languish on a siding in a Warsaw suburb.

In theory you can rent a special train for £4,000, plus mileage and the salaries of the drivers and the restaurant staff. Nobody has shown an interest. Some Western entrepreneurs, however, are closing in One French businessman wants to make the trains a nucleus of a museum express to tour the cultural sites of Eastern and Western Europe.

But for the time being there is little chance of wooing the new Solidarity team away from horsepower; democracy has arrived on

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IN ANKARA

Propaganda still rules behind Korea's wall of suspicion



Li: nuclear war worth waging for unification

of North Korea has taught his people that the divided Korean peninsula will be re-unified by 1995. Fears that that reunification might be achieved by war, and the real possibility that North Korea might have a nuclear weapon by that time, ensure that tension remains high along the 38th parallel, which Ronald Reagan, the former American president, used to

call the frontier of freedom. Mr Kim has made reunification of the divided Korean pensinsula his life's ambin. He tried once before to achieve unity by military means and nothing really suggests he has entirely abandoned that option. Ask the young Communist elite today if they believe that a unified country is worth the price of nuclear war and they

The Koreas remain divided, but the ambition of Kim Il Sung is to reunite them, even if it means another war, David Watts in Panmunjom reports

they believe it is. A red flag snaps from the windscreen wiper of our car-amel-coloured Mercedes, its number plates blanked out,

as we drive into the court-yard behind the headquar-ters building on the North Korean side of the border where the two sides fought each other to exhaustion 40 years ago. As soon as our group appears on the balco-ny of the building, a US Navy enlisted man snaps binoculars on us while a

The red flag on our car has

leave you in no doubt that already signalled to them that civilian visitors are present, but that in no way lessens their interest. The two servicemen move into a building at the side to try to

monitor our conversation. Lieutenant Li Hong Sop. who already knows that I have stared into the piercing eyes of his hand-picked counterparts on the southem side of the border, is keen to know the sort of propa-ganda the South feeds its visitors. The choicest piece. that the building on which we are standing is no more than a façade, has him hooting with laughter. The may well have contributed to the construction of the wall, ing the vast wall of concrete, 24ft high, 12ft wide at the top and 21 ft at the base, that the South Koreans and Americans have built across the whole width of the peninsula. Only the central six miles of the boundary between the countries is not sealed off by the structure.

The wall, banked and garlanded with greenery, is not visible from the southern side and that, say the Northerners, points to a determination to keep the country divided. The South says it is an anti-tank wall, while the North claims that any raw too hilly for tanks to operate satisfactorily.
But then the North makes

no mention of one of the

the murder by axe-wielding North Koreans in 1976 of two American servicemen trimming trees in the demilitarised zone. There is no mention either of the tunnels built by the North Koreans under the demilitarised zone to funnel shock troops under the border in a blitzkrieg

Southerners now use sophisticated detection equipment earthworks.

in the eastern port of Won-san, where its North Korean

attack. To foil them, the

to seek out any new illicit The Northern propagan-da room confines itself to such humiliations of the United States as the capture of the electronic spy ship USS Pueblo, which now plies a more peacable trade as a ferry and tourist vessel

tooned with aerials, join the local fishing fleet. But while the road up to

the southern side of the border is still a fairly modest affair, the Korean People's Army has built a modern expressway all the way from Pyongyang to the border in what must be the record time of two and a half years. it. The first Westerner to traverse it, myself, saw only four vehicles during the whole of the northbound journey. There is little sign of

military preparedness. Away from the peace of Panmunjom, the propaganjoined within sight of the post of Sergeant Chang Chung Nam, a spotty-faced young man who is serenaded from 15ft loudspeakers at

to the accompaniment of automatic-weapons fire. At night, he says, the Americans go on exercises and set the undergrowth on fire.

Southern propaganda. too, takes a good old capitalist tone, promising cars and flats to anyone who goes south. Whether or not the peasants in the demilitarised zone are tempted by this is unclear. On this sunny day. they just go on tilling their ricefields as they have done for generations in both war

Tokyo: Kim Jong II, 50, picked up another title yesterday in his seemingly unstoppable rise to succeed President Kim, his father. An official announcement said he had been named marshal of the armed forces. (Reuter)

Kabul offers to open gates for rebels

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor. AND ZAHID HUSSAIN IN ISLAMABAD

AFGHANISTAN'S acting he was ready to hand over to the Mujahidin now sur-rounding Kabul provided they could agree among ullah's departure from Afthemselves. But Abdul Rahim Hatif's offer was quickly spurned by the fundamentalist Hezbi-I-Islami party of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, whose forces are encamped south of the city and have threatened to attack if Kabul

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does not surrender to them. The guerrilla army of Pushtuns has been strength-ened by the defection of 500 government troops who have taken their tanks with them, according to Karim Bahar,

the governor of Kabul. Mr Hekmatyar's main rival, the Tajik commander, Ahmad Shah Masood, is holding territory north of Kabul and has promised not to attack while negotiations con-

tinue with the government.

Mr Hatif's government. which has taken over from Najibullah, wields little effect- other Mujahidin leaders ive power and has only nominal control of the capital, with 1.8 million inhabitants, and the city of Jalalabad. Mr Hatif, a 66-year-old former vice-president under Dr Najibullah, told a press con-



Hurd tells Turkey to aid Kurds

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ANKARA

DOUGLAS Hurd yesterday urged Turkey to renew its commitment to provide operational support for Operation Provide Comfort, the air surveillance of northern Iraq designed to protect the Kurds from an Iraqi assault.

Mr Hurd, making his first trip abroad since being reappointed foreign secretary, was speaking one week after the allied forces demanded that President Saddam Hussein disarm missiles north of the 36th parallel. The foreign secretary is a welcome guest in Turkey, particularly after a German decision to impose an arms embargo as punishment for the use of German tanks to police Turkey's own Kurdish insurrection.

Turkey which has all but given up any hopes for immediate entry into the EC, is suspicious that the Kurdish issue is being exploited as a means of further distancing

Turkey from the Community. Mr Hurd's reference to Turkey as a "priority for Britain" and the need for a special relationship between Turkey and the EC was intended to go some way to allaying those fears. He called Turkey a "robust" member of the coalition against Saddam Hussein - a reference to his expectations that the Turkish parliament will renew the mandate to base allied aircraft in Turkey when the current agreement expires at the end of June.

ference that his main aim was a peaceful transfer of power, but he did not want to hand ghanistan, but the airport is in the hands of guerrillas who are insisting that he be tried for war crimes.

Two smaller guerrilla groups of radical Pushums control the country's eastern provinces: those loyal to Abd-ul Haq at Sorobi and the forces of Jalaluddin Haqqani in Paktia province. Hezbi-I-Islami has blocked any agreement on the transitional government in Kabul. Broadcasting from his base in Afghanistan, Mr Hekmatyar formally rejected the proposal for the formation of a Mujahidin council to replace the bul and gave the administration until April 26 to surrender to commanders supporting his group. Pakistan foreign ministry officials are hopeful, however, that the

Mr Hekmatyar, who says his forces are just 10 miles from Kabul, accused Mr Masood of betraying the blood of two million Afghans by entering an alliance with the communists. He also accused Iran of conspiring with Mr Masood and the present Kabul administration. Tehran a few months ago issued a fatwa for the killing of Mr Hemketyar. Thousands of his supporters have reportedly left their bases in Pakistan for

would reach consensus on

council structure without

Afghanistan to reinforce their troops in the battlefield. In Moscow, the Russian foreign ministry said yester-day that it was working close-ly with the United States and other countries to ensure the safety of its citizens and all foreign residents in Afghanistan. There were 147 citizens of the former Soviet Union in Afghanistan and "several dozen" prisoners of war.

A Russian special envoy, an aide to Vice-President Aleksandr Rutskoi, is due in Kabul soon to discuss the fate of the prisoners of war, a highly emotive issue in Russia. Interfax news agency report-ed that more than 200 Afghan tribesmen had crossed into Turkmenistan on April 20 and refused to return, saying that they feared repression from the Mujahidin.

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March on Kabul: a stream of Mujahidin approaching the Afghan capital from the north, confident of taking over control. Abdul Rahim Hatif, the acting president, said he was ready to make a peaceful transfer of power, but he did not want to hand over to any single group

Five white MPs defect to ANC

FROM GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

THE African National Congress gained its first effective representation in the South African parliament yesterday when five sitting members of the Democratic party joined its ranks and announced that they would support ANC policies as independents.

The defection of the liberal

politicians created both a

precedent and a paradox. They cannot officially represent the ANC in parliament under the present constitution, which excludes blacks from the tricameral legislature, nor does the ANC wish them to because it has no desire to be associated with parliament in its present form. The ANC and its new recruits resolved the issue by saying they would retain their seats as independents, espousing ANC viewpoints where appropriate. This political sleight of hand did not impress Zach de Beer, the Democratic leader, who said the party would now formally

Dr de Beer accepted the defections philosophically, saying they would be no great loss to his party, and might be of some symbolic value to the ANC. The ANC said in a statement that it was delighted by the development, which

enhanced its non-racial approach to politics in the post-

apartheid era.
Dave Dalling of Johannesburg, the erstwhile Demo-cratic party chief whip, was the most senior defector. The others were Jan van Eck and Jannie Momberg from Cape province, and Pierre Cronje and Rob Hawell from Natal. In a joint statement, they said they believed that their action was in the best interests of all South Africans.

The Democrats' represent tation in the 178-seat parliament is now reduced to 31. its caucus will meet today to expel them formally.



De Beer: rebels will be

Gorbachev hints at a comeback

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, said that he could follow the late President Charles de Gaulle of France and make a political comeback. But he said in Tokyo that he had ruled out returning to the political stage in the near future.

Marion Barry, 56, the for-mer mayor of Washington, leaves prison tomorrow after serving six months for cocaine possession.

Wojciech Jaruzelski, the general who imposed martial law on Poland in 1981, claimed in Paris that the US tacitly condoned the move despite former President Reagan's fierce anti-communism.

Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's prime minister, has been nominated for the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize by the speaker of parliament in Jerusalem, Dov Shilansky, who said he had submitted Mr Shamir's name after receiving an application from the prize committee in Oslo.

Mubarak sees ray of hope on Libya

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

LIKE the star of a Hollywood desert epic, Colonel Gaddafi, the flamboyant Libyan leader, yesterday arrived for talks in Egypt in a red fez and white robe riding in a white Cadillac which crossed the border in a 70-vehicle convoy.

Despite the showmanship, the meeting with President Mubarak in an army rest house and a tent pitched close to second world war battlefields at Sidi Barrani appeared to have had some diplomatic results. After it was over, Mr Mubarak came out alone and told reporters: There is a ray of hope. The matter needs work."

The meeting was the first time that Colonel Gaddafi had left his country since sanctions were imposed on April 15. He was forced to make the border crossing by road because Egypt is one of the Arab countries that enforces the UN air embargo.

"Our talks were a continuation of meetings between us and Libya to get out of this current spot with the imposition of the air embargo," said the Egyptian president, who at times appears to have an tionship with the younger and more unpredictable Col-

onel Gaddafi. "We are consulting with a lot of parties. We hope to find a way out to bring things back to normal," Mr Mubarak added without elaboration. Arab League foreign ministers are due to resume talks on the Lockerbie issue at an emergency session set for Cairo on April 28.

A few hours before Colonel Gaddafi's arrival, the Egyptian authorities at the border detained a Libvan trying to enter Egypt with a pistol and 18 bullets hidden in his clothes. A senior Egyptian official said the matter was

being investigated.

Arab diplomatic sources said Mr Mubarak was anxious for a compromise sol-ution as he is convinced that the sanctions screw will eventually be tightened, increas-ing the chances of instability throughout the region.

Before the desert summit opened, the semi-official Cairo daily Al Ahram said: "It is becoming almost certain that if Libya does not meet all the items of the UN resolution, the next sanctions consolidated step will be the imposition of an oil embargo."

· Moscow: Russia said yesterday that it was imposing UN-authorised sanctions against Libya and was cutting the number of Russian military and technical staff in Libya. It was also evacuating their families. (Reuter)

Britain acts to contain oil spill

Johannesburg: Britain and South Africa have joined forces to try to prevent a massive oil spill from a grounded tanker off the coast of Mozambique which threat-ens ecological disaster to

miles of virgin coastline. The Greek-owned Katina F has been stuck on a sandbank northeast of Maputo, the Mozambique capital, since Thursday with 60,000 tonnes of oil in its tanks. The vessel is

reported to be breaking up. British expens from the Oil Pollution Service Centre in Southampton have arrived in Maputo to fight the spill.

Rome chosen

Washington: The sixth round of Middle East peace talks will be in Rome, the State Department announced. America asked Israeli and Arab delegates last month to list sites closer to the Middle East after Israel argued for a move from the US capital.

Jakarta warns

Jakarta: President Suharto said at a dinner for Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, that any attempt to nesia would be regarded as a violation of sovereignty, aim-ing his speech at criticism of East Timor killings. (Reuter)

Body displayed

Monrovia: The body of Samuel Doe, the Liberian president tortured to death in September 1990, has been exhumed and put on display by Prince Johnson, the maverick rebel, at his base on the outskirts of the capital, residents said. (Reuter)

Rival leader

Lima: Members of Peru's disbanded congress were due to meet in the lawyers' guild building here to swear in Maximo San Roman, the vice-president, as "constitutional president" to challenge President Fujimori's virtual one-man rule. (Reuter)

Fossil found

Tokyo: A fossil of an insecteating primitive mammal unearthed by amateurs in Japan has been estimated to have lived 90 million years ago, Takeshi Setoguchi of Kyoto University said. The fossil was the second oldest of its kind ever found. (AFP)

Footballer sues

Denver: Vance Johnson, a professional football player for the Denver Broncos, is sueing the Home Box Office cable TV network, which he says invaded his privacy by showing his naked body in a locker room "to a worldwide

Submerged or levitated, the guru's doing fine

Japan's most famous guru, Shoko Asahara, sat in state on a giant pink pouffe greeting his disci-ples and visitors. As the queue snaked slowly forward, it became clear why one of Mr Asahara's unshod feet was extended before him on a velvet stool. Every worshipper, as he approached the master, knelt down to kiss his proffered

big toe. While such behaviour is expected of those paying homage to the guru, nonworshipping visitors fortunately are allowed to stick to a more traditional Japanese greeting and offer a business card. Mr Asahara is the leader of a Buddhist cult known as Aum Shinrikyo, or The Supreme Truth Sect, which was set up in 1986. The sect is one of dozens of new religions

that are attracting crowds

Young Japanese are exchanging their rigid society for a new Buddhist cult, Joanna Pitman reports from Tokyo

of young Japanese who have summoned the courage to walk away from the rigid constraints of corporate life. Aum Shinrikyo's 7,000 followers pledge their devo-

tion to the guru by drinking a small amount of his blood and a concoction brewed from a clipping of his abun-dant hair. Most importantly, they place all their worldly belongings in his spiritual care — and temporal bank account.

Enthroned on his capa-cious cushion, the guru nodded languidly as the faithful one by one kissed his toe. His long, lank hair

and beard were piled on an ample stomach swathed in voluminous pink satin. "Welcome to the heavenly light of Aum Shinrikyo. feel yours are positive waves," he intoned, somewhat put out that his for-eign visitor had not knelt to honour the toe. It was a short interview. Mr Asahara, 37, switched back into his trance as quickly as he had emerged from it. Ac-cording to his disciples, the guru is going blind and has over-exerted himself practising the austerities that

he preaches. But visitors are assured that Mr Asahara has per-formed miracles. Maha-

her name along with her worldly possessions when she joined the sect four years ago, is a fervent believer in his spiritual pow-ers. "The Master has performed many enlight-ened acts. For example, he has sat in a tank of water. submerged without air for over 12 hours. He survived because he has mystic pow-ers. I am in training to be able to do that too."

Mahamaya left her job in the prestigious Sumitomo Chemical company to become a disciple after hearing of the move-ment from a friend. Her husband and two daughters, six and two, have also ined. Now they are going through an early learner's induction course in meditation and yoga. The six-year-old spends most of the day

er, listening to New Age music on a Sony Walkman. One day she wants to per-form levitation like the guru and when she grows up would like to learn to imitate his cotton-eating talents. A photograph at the sect's Tokyo headquarters shows the guru apparently swallowing length after length of white fabric. Apparently his record stands at four yards of damask. Aum Shinrikyo disciples,

in joining the sect, have shrugged off all the con-straints of Japanese society. No longer do they need to conform. They can behave wildly (for Japanese) by growing their hair and joining in the rituals. But once a non-conformist in Japan. always so. Any disenchant-ed disciple will have trouble regaining acceptance in ordinary society.



Conor Cruise O'Brien

The doctrine of hellfire has more to do with hatred of others than with fear

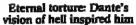
ohn Patten last week urged that greater fear of Hell and damnation, prompted by a rather stronger whiff of fire and brimstone from church pulpits. would prevent people from taking

As a participant on the prochoice side in the abortion controversy now raging in the Republic of Ireland. I think I have probably more personal experience of the verbal application of fire and brimstone than Mr Patten. Take the following passage. from a letter which reached me last week from Co. Kerry:

"O'Brien, you will be sorry one day, when you meet a MAN bigger than you and he will say to you DEPART O'BRIEN IN-TO EVERLASTING FIRE TO BURN FOR EVER. Then you will turn to the UNBORN BABIES murdered by you to bring a drop of cold water and place it on your tongue to cool it in the flames of hell. You know the answer the little babies will give you. You murdered us. We are now very happy. You are now getting your reward — fire — fire."

The letter is signed with than of the government. However a number of women's first that may be, I hope Mr Patten will names: "Marie". "Patsy", refrain from pursuing that line of thought now that he has been en-

Mr Patten, and those who think like him, should note that the emotion which the idea of Heli induces in these devotees is not fear. The idea that they might be at some risk themselves, because of the harred that has them in its grip. clearly does not occur to them for a moment Hell, for them, is a place in which persons who contradict them, in



throughout eternity. So conceived, Hell is clearly a most enjoyable idea. One of the church fathers — Tertullian, I think — taught that the bliss of the saints in Heaven is increased by the contemplation of the sufferings of the damned below in Hell. My correspondents in Co. Kerry are clearly enjoying a foretaste of that bliss.

I suspect that the emotion most widely and vividly aroused by the idea of Hell has always been vindictive joy, rather than fear. "Hell is for the others" was the leitmotiv of the controversies of the ages of faith. There must who were afraid of Hell as something that might happen to themselves personally. That cate-gory would include many of the timid and the depressed, the sick and the dying, plus a few others-notably certain Calvinist divines and other introspective intellectuals. It is not, however, from such groups that potential criminals are drawn. For a vigorous and extroverted young man or woman conderived from a career of crime or sin, I doubt whether the idea of Hell ever operated as a deterrent. even when that idea was most fervently promulgated from the pulpits of the various churches.

Take the hypothetical case of a young man weighing the benefits and risks of becoming a highwayman around, say, 1650, when Hell was in its heyday. How high would the risk of hellfire rank in

the mind of the potential highwayman, compared with the sublunary risk of being hanged drawn and quartered if caught? Pretty low down. I imagine. Such a young man would not have attended church very much as a boy and would not have paid much attention to what he heard there. If he took Hell seriously at all, he would have learned that the sinner could avoid it by repentance after he had made his pile. Meanwhile, there was a more serious matter to

attend to: dodging the gallows. Bear in mind that the ages of faith, far from relying on Hell as a deterrent to crime, applied far more ferocious material deterrents than are available in our own less Hell-reliant culture.

Mr Patten's thoughts about the social utility of fire-and-brimstone theology, no doubt evolved during his period, now happily conclu-ded, as junior Home Office minister. The thoughts may have been prompted by a desire - professionally understandable in the circumstances - to lay the blame for rising crime-rates, since 1980, at the door of the churches, rather

> trusted with higher responsibilities, as Secretary of State idea of fire and brimstone as deterrents from crime is simply harmless nonsense. But this line of thinking, if it could be applied in the field of education, would have

The traditional Christian teaching about Hell has aiways had a tendency to boggle the minds of those who

infinitely loving and com-passionate God who tortures throughout esernity those who have incurred His disapproval is inherently difficult. It is certainly stimulating to the imagination: whether of Dante on one level, or of my Kerry correspondents on another. I wouldn't want the imagination of my own children to be stimulated in that way, and I hope Mr Patten does not intend to nudge British education in that direction. It he does, it won't work, at least in the present decade. Only minds steeped in traditional Christian theology are capable of love with the practice of eternal punishment. Few such minds are around any longer, even in the churches, which is the burden of Mr Patten's complaint. To minds not formed by that theology, the traditional Christian teaching on Hell appears, at best, a sick joke.

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There are, however, conditions in which Hell could stage a come-back. It is doing so now in the for-mer Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In the capitalist world, if the recession deepens into a protracted depression, there could be a revival of old-time religion to the tune of "Repent! Repent!" The Enlightenment could be repealed, as a distorted branch of it has been in the former Soviet Union. If that is so, future historians will mark Mr Patten's statement on Hell but as a harbinger of how history was beginning to move in 1992. I very

Anne McElvoy in Belgrade asks if the West can stop Serbian nationalism running wild

A s Serbia renewed its bom-bardment of Sarajevo this week, America and Europe warned that it must stupp its involvement in the Bosnian con-flict by the and of the month or flict by the end of the month or face exclusion from the international community. Washington is considering a full break in diplomatic relations, in which case European capitals would be likely

State television responded to the threat by calling for all Serbs to "stand up for their dignity in the face of threatened foreign aggression". The indications so far are that Slobodan Milosevic, their leader, intends to stand alone in the face of universal condemnation and take his country into the

The West's response may well be too little, too late. After five years in power, a campaign of brutal repression in the Albanian province of Kosovo, war in Croatia and a systematic distortion of Serbian traditions and intellectual life, Mr Milosevic has achieved absolute power and a fearful acceptance at home which makes him difficult to budge. His tenure has seen the spread of apocalyptic thinking which has the country either emerging victorious from wars of conquest in

Ambitions of war

defiant and unbowed against the infidels, opportunists and unprincipled cowards who make up the rest of Europe.

In the short term, the West's new tough stance may strengthen his grip on power by enabling him to claim that the West is anti-Serb. Nevertheless, the West's response is correct. The alternative is to allow an army heartened by its success in grabbing territory in Croatia to go on the rampage in newly independent Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In order to make the Western threats stick, however, they must be followed up by other measures. There can be no recognition of Serbia and Montenegro as the heirs to the old Yugoslavia, and no return to the conference table in The Hague as long as the violence

Mr Milosevic's response will be that this has nothing to do with him — that he does not command the army and that technically Serbia is not at war with anyone.

reasoning he used to persuade the EC in Croatia. This time, however, we should be less gullible and insist that it is within his power to stop the bloodshed.

Nevertheless, internal as well as

external pressures are building. Inflation is running at 28,000 per cent per annum. Prices rise every day, and the dinar exchange rate now changes twice a day. All foreign currency accounts have been confiscated. Taxi drivers cannot tune their meters fast enough to record the fares, and instead simply agree on an appro-priate bundle of notes at the beginning of the trip.

Mr Milsoevic is on record as saying that his people will "eat roots" rather than foreswear the cause of national unity. The day may be nearer than he thinks. If Serbia is frozen out of the international salon, it will lose its membership of the International Monetary Fund and can wave goodbye to any structured help in

stabilising its chaotic economy.

As a result of the state of the economy. Mr Milosevic has been deserted by precisely those sup-

porters who were most enthusiastic during the early stages of the war in Croatia. Belgrade's shopkeepers - once solidly behind the attacks on Croatia - now see the price of war in the uselessness of the currency. The young, who marched in droves holding giant pictures of the leader's stubborn, pudgy face now ask relatives to answer the door to avoid call-up.

There is discontent, but no opposition is yet strong enough to topple a man who rules by intimi-dation and sheer nerve. Oppo-nents are routinely roughed up and have their offices destroyed. An extreme nationalist MP who kicked the backsides of striking teachers outside the Beigrade parliament was greeted with smirks by the government benches. He was then allowed onto state TV to read out a list of 20 critical journalists who should, he said, be deported.

It is time the West offered more than vague encouragement to the opposition. Instead, Western nations have sapped its morale by doing business with Mr Milosevic

and encouragement in ridding itself of dictatorship and in finding its way out of its expansionist war and back to the fold of modern Europe.

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The federal army is a white elephant which will lumber around the region for some years to come, and it would be foolhardy to imagine that this massive relic of Titoism can be easily killed off. But it is Serbian nationalism that is propelling the army, and this — and its chief exponent. Mr Milosevic — must be tackled first.

Typically, he will wait until the last possible moment to extract the maximum benefit from any situation before bowing to international pressure, a tactic he adopted masterfully in Croatia, ensuring that the army had control of a third of the republic's territory before he agreed to a UN deployment. He may well try this on again at the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe. calling off the soldiers in Bosnia in the nick of time. This is not without risk for him. Any backing down may induce the army - particularly the younger generals, who dislike his communist past - to turn on him. His end may yet come at the hands of the military he has exploited for

The true words of jesters

Hill and Howerd stood in a noble tradition, says Bernard Richards

deaths of two great come-dians: Frankie Howerd and Benny Hill. I shall miss them acutely. Why should this be? After all, some might say they were only entertainers, and it may seem that spreading fun around is an optional extra in a society. Nothing could be further from the truth. The contribution made by comics to a culture is of central and vital importance, and always has been. These two deceased clowns are heirs to long traditions stretching back in our particular history, and in the general history of mankind.

The earliest societies recognised the importance of clowns and jesters. They were given license to utter the unsayable, and to allow for a release of pressure when the restrictions of reverence and authority proved too much. Until the Renaissance, many a monarch employed professional fools, although sometimes when sailing too close to the wind they had to heed the whip" as King Lear puts nthouth coutinues to wield the whip — nowadays by insisting that comedy be politically correct.

The antics of comedians were able to distract people from suffer-ing, and their slapstick and whimsical movements could often prove extremely beguiling. Even mortality could be kept at bay by their antics. In Love's Labour's Lost, Berowne is urged "to move wild laughter in the throat of death".

in realms where high priority was placed on control, order, and spiritual ambition, the fool's reminders of physicality and bodily functions — including sex and excretion — were salutary. Lear's Fool drags in unseemly references not just to amuse the King, but to show that spiritual and intellectual high-minedness is vulnerable and limited if it takes no account of the bodily elements which determine our makeup. His revelations of these dichotomies help to drive Lear mad, but that is because he is faced with contradictory knowledge too suddenly. In a more healthy situation, the gradual and persistent revelations offered by comedy are

more benign.

Benny Hill and Frankle
Howerd fit well into this ancient
and noble tradition. They were
masters of sexual innuendo, and were forever stripping polite language of its perilous seriousness to reveal a disruptive and anarchic underbelly. When, in *Up Pompeil*, Howerd's Lurcio leeringly describate himself as "serving his mised himself as "serving his misexcessively, just as an Elizabethan

comedy might have done.

Howard's suggestiveness and
Hill's flagrancy were irresistible,
as they compelled us to revel in the lawlessness and irrepressibility of the sexual drive. This is why exposed meanings and exposed flesh (especially female flesh in The Benny Hill Show) attracted the thing in the comic universe tightly

The austere regard of control must always be resisted, and no one should be allowed to legislate about what is politically correct either in the realms of language or in the complicated, varied and riotous realms of sexuality. Some people wanted to bowdierise these two comedians. This response was not unlike that of the Puritan city fathers of Shakespeare's time, who were always looking for excuses to close the theatres. They hated to encounter the presentation of alternative modes of life. Showing scantily dad young women cavort-ing with Benny Hill was not sexist; it deliberately undermined the dignity of both sexes.

But comedy is not merely a distraction and an evasion. It is a form of concentration and alertness. Its special virtue is that it



Professional fool: he was licensed to break society's polite codes

forces us to attend to the very mechanism which enables tyran-ny and injustice to flourish: abuse of language. Comic wordplay subverts the complacencies and fixities of language. Often this wordplay seems to lead only to nonsense and fantasy, but even within the fantasy a new perspec-tive is offered on the realities we

think so sure and fixed. Frankie Howerd was especially gifted at turning language inside out, like Feste's "cheveril glove". In an era when so much comedy is dependent on expensive props and elaborate visual equipment, it was a delight to hear what he could do with words alone. It is no accident

equally lamented Kenneth Williams, was established on radio. Howerd recently entranced an Oxford Union audience by simply standing on the stage and talking. (He told them he would like to be made an honorary Doctor of Psychology, because he was interested in human beings. I wonder if the university could award the honour posthumously?)

omics such as Terry Thomas, Tommy Coo-per, Frankie Howerd and Benny Hill fit into ancient traditions, which will surely survive, and there will be other practitioners to follow in their footsteps. However, that in no way diminishes the feeling of loss at their going, because while one can point to their techniques and explain, in a learned way, how they relate to the comedy of Aristophanes or Shakespeare, each had particular intonations and gestures, facial expressions and voices which were unique. They helped to give a strong sense of what it is to be English. They represent the eccentric, rebellious and critical side of the English character, the reluctance to be over-awed and bullied by systems and restrictions. They belonged to language as a plaything to manipulate and a territory where speculative freedoms can disport

They also demanded audiences and this was especially true of sponsive to nuance, suggestion and pregnant timing. Their charm was to interact with the sympathetic audience, who were flattered to think that they could be invited into their comic world and participate in it. They appealed to the fourth-former in us that refuses to die. Frankie Howerd once said he gave the phrase "Not on your nelly" to the English language. What a splendid contribution to have made. And he was right about David Frost too - his hair is "on

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...and moreover

n my 19-year-old daugh-ter's bedroom wall there hangs a poster of Ronald Reagan. It is not there for, as you might reasonably suspect. political derision. It is there for something else.

The poster shows the expresident as pre-president, i.e. in the days when he was acting only for money, and it shows him with if American readers will bear with me, a fag in his mouth. It is the only place for it to be, since both his hands are occupied, one holding a carton of Chesterfield cigarettes, the other signing it; for it is Christmas and the carton incorporates a greetings card showing child-ren chucking snowballs at a sleigh. Above his smoking head runs a message also signed which reads: "I'm sending Chesterfields to all my friends. That's the merriest Christmas any smoker can have.' That is why it is on Victoria's

wall: to remind her that smoking can seriously damage your brains. It is a memento ronni.

But it has a very different subtext for me. For me, it summons up remembrance of things past, sessions of sweet silent fagpackets which did not warn that death accelerated with every puff. It summons it up because Chesterfields were the first eiga-rettes I ever smoked. I didn't bind myself to the weed of fire until I went to live in America, in 1961; and when bores enquire why I began smoking I find it quite difficult to explain that until 1961, I wasn't in a position to do the thing with a cigarette seemed sensible. Then, a few

pack which all young men then longed to do, viz jerk it upwards so that a cigarette flew out to be caught between the lips, because English packs were not built that way, they did not have a paper top you ripped off, they had a mimsy little drawer you mushed open, to allow you delipushed open, to allow you delicately to prise a cigarette out between finger and thumb. It was the great divide which separated me from Humphrey Bogart, and I could not cross it until 1961. In fact, I didn't cross it effectively until 1962, because it took me a year to learn how to avoid covering the floor in Chesterfields, but persistence paid off. You can hear it when I breathe.

In short, smoking was for tough guys, then; if you saw a man with a filter-tip, you asked him who his dressmaker was. because 1961 was before you knew for certain what now keeps you in thrall to the worst uncertainty there is. And what, when it became certain, set the tobacco industry and its hapless slaves on a poignant search, not unlike the hunt for the perpetual-motion machine or the philosopher's stone which this week takes yet another great leap forward.

It is the search for negative tar. When, in 1964, things be-

came certain. Silk Cut were invented. They had less tar. I did not know how much tar Chesterfields had (if I smoke one now, it tastes like a new-laid road), but I switched brands because it

years later, Silk Cut introduced a new blue pack to shelve alongside the original purple one, and since these had even less tar, I switched again, because it seemed even more sensible; until the new yellow pack appeared which said Ultra on it, and if it said Ultra, it was bound to have the least tar there was, and this would be the most sensible thing I had ever done. Non-smokers will of course argue that there was an even more sensible thing to do, but that's non-smokers for you. heads in the non-clouds, no use

changed yet again. This week, not only has the Ultra been withdrawn because it is less ultra than the Extra which replaces it, the Extra which replaces it is itself less ultra, at 5 mg, than the new Ultra, which has only img of tar. Amazed? You will be, for Silk Cut have also introduced something so much more ultra than the new Ultra that they have to call it Super, because it has only 0.1 mg of tar in it, i.e. it is not merely 50 times more sensible to smoke than the old Ultra, it is 10 times more sensible even

than the new Ultra. So the search is almost over. Soon, surely, Silk Cut will produce an Extra Ultra Super with minus 0.1 mg of tar in it; every one you smoke will seriously improve your health. And why not? As Ronnie and I used to say back in our acting days, a smoker's gotta dream, boy, it comes with the territory.

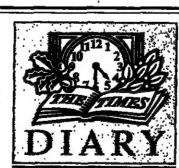
Out of the handbag

MRS THATCHER'S criticism of John Major in her Newsweek arti-cle was commissioned before the general election - and had the Tories lost she was poised to de-liver an even more vitriolic attack on her successor. The article was arranged almost

month ago by Daniel Pedersen, the London bureau chief, who has interviewed Mrs Thatcher for the magazine in the past. She took no persuading, but agreed only to an article to be written after April 9.
"She replied by letter," says
Pedersen. "We have a standing
compartment in the magazine which provides a platform for leaders past and present. Richard Nixon, Henry Kissinger and Ronald Reagan have all contributed. I think she agreed because she realises if she speaks through Newsweek, she speaks globally."

But Newsweek denies claims by some Tories that it was bad form to deliver such an attack from overseas. Not only was it commissioned in London, but it was written by Mrs Thatcher in her Belgravia office. "It is a message not from across the Atlantic but from the depths of SW1", says

Newsweek refuses to reveal how heavily her words were edited but the answer seems to be very little, if at all. Wary after Vanity Fair misrepresented her comments about the value of family life, Mrs Thatcher insisted on complete textual control. Her office declined to discuss whether anyone had helped draft the article, and the group around The Spectator which has continued to Major became prime minister denies any involvement. "I have had two meetings with her in the past



was writing it," said Simon Heffer, deputy editor of The Spec-tator. So the evidence suggests that every word, including the line about Major not being his-"own man", is Mrs Thatcher's

Pedersen says: "It was a very good piece and she was making changes right up to the very last minute. The final line edit was done by her and she saw it before it. appeared in the magazine."

 A packed house at Belfast's Grand Opera House last night helped to prove that the show must go on. Following a fourmonth closure after a car-bomb caused £1 million of structural damage, the Irish leisured classes were out in force for the reopening night to prove that it takes more than a little terrorism to keep them from their culture. The production, of course, was Les Liaisons Dangereuses.

Trouble bubbles

WHEN shall we three meet again? Not, it seems, on the Newcastle Metro, where city bureaucrats have just banned a 16th-century masterpiece advertising a new production of Macbeth.

The poster, a copy of an etching by Hans Baldung Grien, depicts

that his reputation, like that of the three naked witches, and was to have been been shown on Tyneplugging the English Shakespeare Company touring production - which arrives in the city next month. However, 400 years after its completion, Metro Marketing, an arm of the Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Authority, has deemed the picture unsuitable for public consumption. "It is in-appropriate." says an official. The posters have been replaced



Red all over

A PERTINENT question as May Day approaches: whatever happened to all the Soviet Union's red flags and the miles of red cloth that used to go into making them? According to a Moscow paper, most of it has already been subject

to unauthorised "privatisation". A worker at one of the flag factories says: "When the Soviet Union collapsed, we had no instructions about what to do with the flags, so we started taking them home - after all. it's good

material." Says the paper: "It might be a little vulgar to make underpants out of a state flag, even if the state no longer exists, but you could make dresses and jackets." So how much fabric was rendered redundant when the hammer-and-sickle was lowered over the Kremlin for the last time? According to one estimate, more than 15,000 square

Pearly queens

THE GIRLS IN PEARLS, those soft-focus portraits of engaged society belies — which to the regret of many have all-but disappeared from the pages Country Life —

may be about to stage a comeback. Clive Aslet, the editor-designate who will take the chair at the end of the year, is hoping to tempt the debutantes back by launching a competition for the best portrait. to be published as a frontispiece. Until last year, the magazine relied on society photographers sending in their own decorous pin-ups of their subjects, but times have changed. The portrait is in decline," says Aslet, "Studio photography has become rather an oldfashioned medium. I hope we can encourage a renaissance.

• Among the fans paying tribute to Benny Hill yesterday was the unlikely figure of Tony Benn. "I liked his saucy seaside-postcard humour, It's very sad news, especially following the death of Frankie Howerd. I liked them both," said Benn yesterday. Some of his colleagues will be surprised to think of Benn tittering at double-entendres between drawing up bills to abolish the monarchy and disestablish the Church of England. What happened to political correctness? "I don't think you should carry political convictions into entertainment. Bob Hope is a right-wing Republican and I like

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And mother came too. During the leader-ship contest in December 1990, Margaret Thatcher offered John Major to the country as her favourite ideological son. For all his yearning to be left alone, she found it hard to keep aloof from his prolonged courtship with the electorate. Now that the courtship is consummated, she wishes it to be known where the credit lies. Thatcherism had proved an -ism so robust as to defy the pundits and psephologists by returning her protégé to Downing Street against the odds. But she wants the family's honour respected, in the observance as well as in the breach. Young Major had better be careful

Mrs Thatcher's latest effusion, in Newsweek, reads less offensively than edited extracts suggest. The gist of her argument is that the only ideology still alive and kicking in British politics is still the one that bears her name, and nobody should forget it. It is assailed not by worthy rivals but by puny lobbies and sectional interests. They can sabotage it, impede it, deride it and caricature it. They can use reactionary officials, backsliding ministers, even the reputed "wetness" of the prime minister, to subvert Thatcherism. But they cannot replace it because there is nothing with which to do so. Every critique of British politics has to define itself against the principles of market pricing, private enterprise and a declining public sector set out by Mrs Thatcher and her friends back in 1975. As for Majorism: fiddlesticks!

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There is much truth in this. If only Mrs Thatcher could find a way of saying so which did not sound so peevish... The status of British elder statesman requires equal parts of dignity, good humour and a sense of timing. Mrs Thatcher shows none of them. By using foreign platforms, Mrs Thatcher evinces groans from her former colleagues. She makes it easier for them to dismiss her as a has-been, parading personal bitterness like Mikhail Gorbachev wherever fame offers a high enough fee.

A more appropriate moment for her first post-election intervention would have been after the Queen's Speech, or in a maiden

speech in the House of Lords. But that is not Mrs Thatcher's style. She must be taken, as always, as she comes. On or between the lines of Mrs Thatcher's article are specific warnings: against the growth of public spending and borrowing, against excessive industrial intervention, against enlarging the public sector. This attitude was explicit in the election to Parliament of every member of the existing cabinet. If mandates mean anything, they must continue this policy.

Mr Major's vulnerability to Mrs Thatcher's continuing watchfulness is not that he has a new concept of Conservatism to supplant hers. He may have soft-peddled on some of the last government's tougher initiatives before the election, but then Mrs Thatcher would have done the same. All prime ministers tend to enter an ideologyfree zone in the second half of a parliament.

No, he has the opportunity to face down Mrs Thatcher's challenge by proving that the implication of her article is wrong: to show by his deeds that her legacy is safe in his hands and those of his colleagues, that his ambition is to redefine and develop the policies that emerged on the right of the British political spectrum in the 1980s and to which the left has as yet no answer. Those policies were indeed those associated with Mrs Thatcher, and no harm is done by nodding occasionally in her direction.

Mr Major should be in a hurry. With each roll of the electoral dice the odds against another Tory election victory must lengthen. He has a Queen's Speech due, an economic recovery in the offing and ideologically distinct policies awaiting implementation in health, housing, transport, industry, local government and Europe. He should articulate the principles underlying these policies. He is no intellectual and shows no inclination to construct a new Conservatism to supplant that of his predecessor. He has no need to: the old one will do fine. But he must not play Bonar Law to Mrs Thatcher's Chamberiain. By words and deeds he must show that he is indeed his own man and can venture out into the turbulent politics of the 1990s without an ideological chaperone.

AGONY ON DEATH ROW

The gassing of Robert Harris in California was an obscene spectacle. He took 11 minutes to die, his convulsions watched by a panel of 50 witnesses. Before the cyanide pellets were finally dropped into acid, he was subjected to a macabre legal farce, as repeated stays of execution were upheld and then overturned. Having said goodbye to fellow inmates, he was already strapped inside the gas chamber when news of another delay came through. He was taken out, put in a waiting room, and sent back to the chamber again 50 minutes later. In any other country such an on-off-on "mockexecution", a form of psychological torture would be universally condemned as a cruel

violation of human rights. His execution, ending a 25-year moratorium in California, opens the way for the judicial killing of over 300 convicts in the state, some of whom have been on Death Row for almost two decades -- about the time that most murderers serve in jail in states where capital punishment has been abolished. Since 1976, when the Supreme Court lifted the ban on execution as a "cruel and unusual punishment," about 170 people have been executed at a rapidly increasing rate. In the 36 states which still retain capital punishment, over 2,500 await execution.

Amid growing public despair over rising crime, judges and governors are striving to outdo each other in their enthusiasm at election time for the death penalty. But when pollticians use human lives to boost their standing in the polls, the proper separation of the judiciary from the political process starts to break down. In America no less than in the Third World, human rights must stand above the baying for revenge by the mob.

By any definition, gassing a man to death is cruel and unusual punishment. How can any state tolerate the gas chamber after the

Nazi Holocaust? Other methods of execution are no less barbaric. The electric chair, wheeled out from museums for the electrodes to be burnished to give better contact with human flesh, belongs, like the hangman's noose, to another age. Even the lethal. injection is far from humane: the poisonous cocktail paralyses the victim quickly but he can still take an unconscionable time to die.

The United States is the only Western nation to practise capital punishment on a large scale. In doing so it comes close to violating its own human rights undertakings. In 1977 President Carter signed two international conventions, the American Convention on Human Rights and the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. These stipulated that nobody mentally ill, or a juvenile when the crime was committed, should be executed; that there should be a right of appeal for demency; and that nothing should be done to delay the abolition of capital punishment.

Neither convention was ratified. Neither has been complied with since. Amnesty International says that at least five people have been executed who were under 18 when they committed their offence; several have been severely retarded; and in Texas no condemned man has ever been reprieved -

effectively denying any right to elemency.

The United States has long aspired to the moral highground in preaching human rights around the world. For too long its friends and admirers have muted their criticism of its own arbitrary practice of legal execution. The Harris case, with all the attendant doubts over his conviction and troubled background, is particularly disturbing. The death penalty is an uncivilised and unjustified punishment; the cat-and-mouse game played with the anguished inmates of Death Row is doubly inhumane and intolerable.

LOGIC OF GRAMMAR

Progressive child-centred teaching started with the best of motives. If children enjoyed school they would learn more. If they were not labelled failures they would work harder. By finding things out for themselves they would understand them better. Unfortunately, as in many a well meant reform, the results were often the opposite of those so earnestly intended.

The teaching of the English language is a case in point. Today the National Association for the Teaching of English starts its annual conference. Its members would do well to ask themselves why, with progressive teaching, standards of reading and writing are so low. A report leaked by educational psychologists two years ago showed that reading standards of seven-year-olds had fallen drastically over the previous five years. According to the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, one in four 16 to 20-year-olds have reading problems and more than onethird have trouble with spelling.

Children will never learn to speak and write properly if, for instance, their teachers tell them that "we was" is as "valid" as "we were". A study commissioned by the government on how English should be taught under the national curriculum summed up many teachers' views. The government refused to publish it because it disagreed with the findings. It is not hard to see why. To regard grammar in terms of mistakes, the report recommended, was "unhelpful". Rather, grammar should be seen as "a series

of options". Grammar is not a series of options. There is correct standard English and there is bad English. If children want to use slang in the

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street, then fine - but only if they know better. If they want to improve themselves, they need to know how to speak and write properly when the occasion requires. Immigrants well understand this. Most Asian parents would be appalled if they thought their children were not being taught good English. Foreigners are eager to learn the language, and would not be pleased to be told that "we was" and "we were" are the same.

To insist that all schoolchildren should know how to speak and write standard English is not élitist. It is the very opposite. Education is the best route out of deprivation; for many children the only one. What hope has an unemployed teenager of finding a job if he cannot fill in a form correctly or write a grammatical letter? The report suppressed by the government claimed that "he ain't done it" and "she come here yesterday" are "no more than a social irritant". Nonsense: they are a barrier to achievement.

Some educationists may regret that examiners and employers mind about grammar and spelling. They may see such concern as mere pedantry. But bad grammar is a sign of carelessness in the use of language, which denotes a lack of mental discipline in other areas. It is misguided and mischievous to abolish rigour of language in schools while

it still exists in adult life. Children will suffer if they are not taught rigorously. Opportunities will be denied them and they will be trapped by their own inarticulateness. Their loss will be the nation's too. As the English professor, Northrop Frye, once said: "There is only one way to degrade mankind permanently and that is to destroy language."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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on Lord Lane

From Mr Ludovic Kennedy

Sir, As the judge who presided over the convictions of the Guildford Four and the Maguire Seven, resulting in years of wrongful imprisonment for all 11, Lord Donaldson is not best placed to express outrage at the recent criticisms of Lord Lane (report, April 16).

But I can tell him about those who do feel a sense of outrage. Truthful witnesses who appeared before Lord Lane in the 1987 appeal of the Birmingham Six and went away believing they had been branded as ilars; the three QCs who represented the Six, Lord Gifford, Richard Ferguson and Michael Mansfield, whose well founded arguments for their innocence the court rubbished: and above all the Six themselves who, together with the Guildford Four and the Maguire Seven, served between them a total of nearly 50 years of wrongful imprisonment, mostly because of the inability of the judges to recognise corrupt prosecution evidence.

All expressions of outrage are understandable, but some rather less than others.

Yours etc.. LUDOVIC KENNEDY, Ashdown, Avebury, Mariborough, Wiltshire. April 17.

Prom Sir John Stephenson Sir, His foes antribute to Lord Lane personal responsibility for the mis-takes of jurous and the sins of police officers - or at least for not discovering them.

They ignore the limits placed by Parliament on the powers of his court, and the participation of other independent-minded judges in the judgments which he pronounces. They disregard the countless cases in which he and his brother judges have done justice in a manner which even the media cannot fault; and they belittle the importance of the independence of the judiciary, which urgently required defending and fortunately found in him an enthusiastic champion.

They thus vilify an outstandingly wise, kind, conscientious, acute and humane judge, not without experi-ence of the real world in the Royal Air Force, at the Bar and on the Bench.

Long after the envenomed darts hurled at him by the Levins and Kennedies are deservedly forgotten the name of Lord Chief Justice Lane will be remembered, both in and out-side the profession he has adorned. with admiration and gratitude.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, 26 Doneraile Street, SW6. April 12.

From Mr A. James French

Sir, The decision of the chairman of the Bar, Mr Gareth Williams, to make veiled references to "some in high places" who failed to support the retiring Lord Chief Justice (report, April 16) is perhaps predictable.

'Nevertheless Mr Williams should have reflected upon the occasion (report, February 16, 1989) when Lord Lane laid the foundation stone for the new court house at Lincoln. Under that stone he interred a copy of Lord Mackay's green paper for reform, declaring this to be "one of the most sinister documents ever emanated from government", and a threat to the independence of both lawyers and the judiciary. A calumny set in concrete

Yours faithfully. L JAMES FRENCH. 40 Docking Road. Ringstead, Norfolk.

Rights of audience

From Mr John Passmore

Sir. The proposed extension of rights of audience in the High Court to solicitors is subject to exceptions for good reasons (leading article, April 15). Solicitors (and barristers) in employment cannot be expected to observe an overriding duty to the court, necessary for the proper administration of justice, whilst maintaining a close relationship with the employer/client. Objectivity towards the client's case is surely easier when the client is not in charge of the advocate's overall career.

Inadvertent elevation of the duty to the client above the duty to the court is unlikely to be so obvious and clearcut that disciplinary action by the Law Society could be effective. Yours faithfully.

JOHN PASSMORE. Whitmead Lodge. Tilford, Surrey. April 15.

Smiling through

From Mr John Raybould Sir, On Easter Saturday, while I was

looking through the window of an estate agent in Saffron Walden, I saw an employee smiling. Is this the first sign of spring?

Yours truly. JOHN RAYBOULD. The Old Vicarage, High Street, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex April 18.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax member (071) 782 5046.

Passing judgment Doubts of Christian clergy on truth of the risen Lord at some of its contributors. The costs

From Ms Aileen La Tourette

Sir, In today's editorial, "One church, one faith?", you refer to the Sea of Faith Network as "a body of clergy" who have claimed certain religious freedoms.

Sea of Faith is a network of individuals, non-denominational and non-credal. We include members of the clergy and laity of the Church of England and other churches, as well as people who have no formal religious affiliation whatsoever. What brings us together is our interest, as encapsulated in our 1989 statement of intent, in "exploring and promot-ing religious faith as a human

I would strongly emphasise the affirmative and creative aspect of our network. We have formed it precisely because we continue to find religious ideas meaningful and important. We are looking to find ways of building on the collective riches of traditional religious thought, and in time we very much hope this effort will include people from religious traditions other than the Christian one.

Our perspective is much broader, then, than you appear to realise. We are attempting to "resurred" a sense of urgency and immediacy about religion and its importance in human life, both as a vehicle for awe and wonder and for the celebration of key social and spiritual values.

We began, as you rightly say, in the aftermath of Don Cupitt's Sea of Faith TV series and book, and we rew out of Don Cupitt's vision of a future for religious faith as some-thing entirely human. But it cannot be emphasised too strongly that we are open to everyone interested in a human-centred attitude to religion. and we are certainly not - I speak as a lay woman whose own background is Roman Catholic — restricted to the ciergy.

Yours sincerely, AILEEN LA TOURETTE (Chairman, Sea of Faith Steering Committee 3 Leahurst Road, SE13. April 20.

From Dr Catherine Jones

Sir, I watched the television programme, Heart of the Matter, on Easter Sunday with a growing sense of anger, not at the programme but

Threat to Sofia centre

Sir, We are concerned by the threat to the independence of the Ivan

Dujčev Centre for Slavo-Byzantine

Studies in Sofia, Bulgaria. The

of the will of the late Professor

Byzantinist and Slavist, who died in

1986. He left to it his house, his

library, and his valuable collection of

manuscripts and nominated as its

first director Dr Axinia Djurova,

then Vice-Rector of the University of

In its few years of work the centre

has built up a rich research collec-tion, including some 500 Greek, Slavonic and other manuscripts, and

established exchange arrangements with academic institutions in many

emanona

From Sir Steven Runciman, CH,

FBA, and others

countries, including the USA. It is now among the foremost centres of research in its field in Europe.

In December last year three events took place which put in question its independent existence. Its premises were broken into and Professor Dujčev's will disappeared. A letter was received from the Ministry of Finance stating that henceforth the the University of Sofia and funded from the university's budget, al-though it has independent funds of its own.

Dr Djurova's right to teach was withdrawn, without the agreement of the appropriate authorities of the university, on the alleged ground that she has no professional stand-ing, though in fact she has been a professor for a number of years, has published important scholarly works and has been invited to lecture and

polls". No wonder they got it wrong.

Norfolk House, 62 London Road,

Sir, My own reverence for market

research was irredeemably scarred

when, at the age of nine. I heard my

mother tell a novitiate pollster that

the regularly read The Times.
"But mum". I said, as she firmly

shut the door on the hapless lady interviewer, "you don't read The Times." "Maybe not", she silenced

me, "but I wasn't going to tell her."

Chapman's Farm, Dunsden Green,

'Oscar' for engineers

Sir, I echo the sentiments of Messrs

Wilson and Barlow about "Design-

ing an 'Oscar' for engineers" (letters,

This society, founded in 1854, has

as its premier award the Churchill

Medal, the title of which was ap-

proved by the great man himself on

November 27, 1946. The first award

was to Sir Frank Whittle, and sub-

sequent awards have been to such

distinguished engineers as Sir John

Cockroft, Sir Geoffrey de Havilland

Whilst in the 1950s and 1960s

some slight interest was evinced by

the "quality" newspapers, in recent

years there has seldom been even a

The same remarks unfortunately

apply to this society's other main

award for original engineering en-deavour, the Gairn EEC Medal.

It is surely not surprising that so

few young men and women are

entering the engineering profession

in the face of such apathy.

The Society of Engineers,

527 Finchley Road, NW3.

P. A. LANCASTER, Secretary.

and Sir Bernard Lovell

brief mention.

Yours faithfully.

Parsifal College,

April 13.

WINSTON FLETCHER.

From the Secretary of the

Society of Engineers

April 10).

Newark, Nottinghamshire.

From Mr Winston Fletcher

Yours faithfully,

D. WICKENS,

Yours faithfully,

From Mr D. Wickens Blaming opinion polls Sir, Your report, "Polls gave clues to From Mr Antony A. M. Pinsent motives behind late voting shift" (April 11), spoke of "eve-of-polls exit

Sir, I read Mr Robert Worcester's "Don't blame the opinion pollsters" (April 13) with scepticism.

Why should we now believe that 29 per cent of Liberal Democrats had still not decided which party to vote for on the eve of the election, or that 4 per cent of Labour-minded voters switched to the Tories on election

And why should we believe that 10 per cent liked the leader of the party they switched to, 6 per cent disliked the leader of the other parties and 50 per cent of voters in Basildon read *The Sun*?

The simple fact is that 77 per cent of the electorate proved the polls were 100 per cent wrong. Yours faithfully,

ANTONY PINSENT. 2 Landridge Road, SW6. April 13.

Lawrence on TV

From Mr H. St John B. Armitage Sir, It is to be hoped that David Putmam's wish to "honour the historical context" of Lawrence of Arabia's part in the 1919 Paris peace conference has been observed with greater care than Mr Clive Irving's presentation of quotation from one of their major sources, the writings of Major Sir Hubert Young ("New face for a desert legend", Life & Times,

April 14).
Mt Irving sadly misinterprets Young's comments on Lawrence as examples of "animus" (whilst Lawrence was alive) and failure to choke back his bile (after Lawrence's death.

How does Mr Irving reconcile such alleged antipathy with Young's words "I would rather have served under him (Lawrence) than under any regular soldier I have ever met..." and "Strong, resourceful, a born leader of men, and of matchless courage, when there is no restriction placed on him he could and did make a success of everything to which he turned his hand."?

Yours faithfully. St JOHN ARMITAGE, The Old Vicarage. East Horrington, Nr Wells, Somerset April 14.

of unbelief, personal and psychological, can come dear; but apparently not so — certainly not enough so yet — for members of the so-called Sea of

Faith Network.

Not for them, it would seem, the pains of having to go without Communion and its companionship as a result of being unable, in all conscience, to continue to recite, for instance, the Nicene Creed. Having reduced the said creed to the status of an "epic poem" to their own satisfaction, wherein can the difficulty lie?

The difficulty, to put it most crudely, can lie in other people's contempt. The wages of unbelief are not supposed to be a continued salary from, for example, the Church of England - and a continued the sensibilities and common sense of parishioners doomed to serve as sitting ducks until — who knows? they have better luck next time.

Real unbelievers face up to their unbelief. They do not resort to elaborate metaphorical constructs picked out in psycho-babble to convince themselves and others that they still, really, belong, not merely to the company but indeed to the elders of the faithful. Real unbelievers would junk the salary and tied accommodation — and set about building their own church, or whatever symbolic construct was deemed most appropriate for their purposes.

So what are these dissidents? Unreal believers or unreal unbelievers? No wonder that Sea of Faith twists itself so readily into Faith at

Yours sincerely. CATHERINE JONES, 48 Lonsdale Road, Oxford.

From Mr Andrew Anderson Sir, I am not a member of the Sea of

Faith Network but I have friends who are, and I have contributed to its stimulating magazine.

What puzzles me is not who is right and who is wrong but why dergymen and women are inhibited from airing views in their parishes which they are actively encouraged to discuss during their training. If their opinions are destructive, why haven't the curricula of theological colleger

been changed? If they are not, why are so few senior churchmen springing to the defence of their pupils and proteges? There are quite a few bishops who were once theological college principals.
Ruth Gledhill's review (April 7) of

Dr Paul Avis's book, Authority, Leadership and Conflict In the Church, quotes a reference in the Archbishop of York's foreword to the requirement that leaders should have intellectual stature". Could one of the reasons a Decade of Evangelism is needed be that the laity old hands and newcomers alike have not been encouraged to think? The saddest casualty has been rational, calm debate.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW ANDERSON, 51 The Close, Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr G. A. H. Watts Sir, Your leading article today does less than justice to what many Christians in this country believe. It does not maner to our faith

whether the resurrection was bodily or not, since our belief is in a spiritual resurrection: the release of Christ's spirit within us, after payment for our sins.

Yours faithfully, G. A. H. WATTS, Stroat House, Stroat, Gloucestershire.

From the Reverend Francis Pole

Sir. I am so sorry that you felt it necessary to record on the from page of Holy Sanirday's edition (April 18) the sensationalist views of a small minority of cross-denominational clergymen regarding the bodily res urrection of Jesus Christ. The Sea of Faith Network is surely unrepresentative of the vast majority of the clergy who, like most Christians, regard the resurrection of Jesus as the greatest of all miracles, and the one which gives them meaning to this life and a sure hope of eternal life.

Yours faithfully, FRANCIS POLE, Warwick Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

April 20.

As members of the international advisory council set up by the Dujčev centre and as officers of the Association Internationale des Etudes Byzantines we wish to express our alarm at the attack on the independence of the centre and on its director. We are well aware that

be installed overnight, but we feel

teach by universities in many coun-

that these events break many of the rules essential for the development of a democratic society. We remain. Sir, yours sincerely, STEVEN RUNCIMAN, ROBERT BROWNING. CYRIL MANGO. DIMITRI OBOLENSKY.

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IHOR SEVCENKO. Elshieshields.

Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire.

Prophetic text? From the Reverend Dennis Parker

Sir, Your first leader (April 15) begins: "Rarely has an election result offered such cause for joy and bitterness." On election day our calendar has for the day's quotation from the Living Bible, "Many wept

aloud while others were shouting for

Insight, or prophecy? Yours truly.
DENNIS PARKER, Cleve House, Flint Hill. Dorking, Surrey. April 15.

joy" (Ezra ili, 12).

Science budget From Mr Alan Howarth, MP for

Stratford-on-Avon (Conservative) Sir, Professor Prichard's analogy between scouts and scientists (letter. April 16) is indeed apt. That is why the government has increased by 25 per cent since 1978-9 the resources provided to the research councils which enable them to support the

ablest of our scientists in curiositydriven research, and has announced plans to increase the figure to over 30 per cent by 1994-5. Professor Prichard overlooks that and ignores also the private sector's growing support for scientific research. Instead he charmingly sug-gests that the government should

increase its science budget by "only three or four times".

It is odd that, as a scientist, he should suppose that money grows on

Yours faithfully ALAN HOWARTH, House of Commons. April 16.

A golden standard

From Dr Terence Barnett

Sir. I have received a notice of increase in the annual subscription for the Bournemouth and Poole Medical Society to £5 from its prewar three guineas. What else has remained at pre-war cost till now?

Yours sincerely, T. J. BARNETT. 92 Hinton Wood Avenue, Highcliffe, Dorset.

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COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 21: Today is the sixty-sixth Anniversary of the Birthday of

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

burgh's Award International Foundation, this afternoon left Royal Air Force Benson for a visit to Bermuda, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago.

Mrs Richard Warburton and Ligutenant Colonel Sean April 21: The Prince Edward, O'Dwyer are in attendance

Birthdays today

Mr Leo Abse, former MP, 75; Lord Airedale, 77; Sir Michael Atiyah, president, Royal Society. 63; Sir Christopher Ball, former warden, Keble College, Oxford, 57; Mr Lewis Biggs, curator, Tate Gallery, Liverpool, 41; Mr Alan Bowring, former chairman, C.T. Bowring, 69; Mile Yvette Chauviré, ballerina assoluta, 75; Mr George Cole. actor, 67; Mr Alan Dukes, former leader, Fine Gael Party, 47; Dr Eric Fenby, composer, 86; Mr Lloyd Honeyghan, boxer, 32; Mr Ronald Hynd, choreographer, 61; Mr Nico Ladenis, restaurateur, 58; Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM, violin-

director and producer, 55. Sir Sidney Nolan, OM, artist. 75: the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, 76: Miss Margaret Pereira, forensic scientist, 64: Viscount Portman, 58: Miss Jancis Robinson, wine writer and broadcaster, 42: Professor Sir Eric Scowert, physician, 82; Mr David Summerscale, head mas-Robert Wade-Gery, diplomat, 63.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry Fielding, novelist, Sharpham Park, Somerset, 1707; Immanuel Kant, philosopher, Königsberg, Germany, 1724; James Graham, poet, Glasgow, 1765; Madame de Stael, novelist, Paris, 1766; Phil May, cattoniet, Wortley, Voctobier cartoonist, Wortley, Yorkshire, 1864; Lenin, Ulyanovsk, 1870: Kathleen Ferrier, contralto, Higher Walton, Lancashire,

DEATHS: John Tradescan traveller and gardener, London, 1662; James Hargreaves, in-ventor of the spinning jenny, Nottingham, 1778; John Crome. Notingham. 1778; John Crome. landscape painter. Norwich, 1821; Thomas Rowlandson, caricaturist, London, 1827; Richard Trevithick, pioneer of the locomotive engine. Dartford, 1833; Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, prime minister 1905-08. London, 1908; Sir Henry Royce, car manufacturer. West Wittering, 1933; Roy Campbell, poet, Setubae, Portugal, 1957.

Dinner

Royal Society of Medicine Sir David Innes Williams, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Innes Williams, presided at a dinner held last night at I Wimpole Street after Sir Roy Griffiths delivered the Jephcott

Among those present were Lord and Lady Porritt, Sir Anthony and Lady Jephcott, Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme, Sir James Watt, Sir Gordon and Lady Robson, Sir George and Lady Pinker and Sir Austin Bide.

Church news

The Right Rev John Kirkham, Bishop Suffragan of Sherborne, is to be Bishop to the Forces, from September 1, in succession to the Right Rev David Smith, Bishop Suffragan of Maidstone, who has been appointed Bishop of

The Right Rev William Persson, Bishop Suffragan of Doncaster, diocese of Sheffield, is to retire as from December 31, when he will be aged 65.

The Right Rev Ronald Brown, Bishop Suffragan of Birkenhead, diocese of Chester, is to retire on

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, will meet Macmillan nurses and pa-tients at the radiation oncokey unit at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, at 2.55 and will attend a performance of Apollo et Hyacinthus at Yester House, Gifford, at 7,30.

The Duke of York, as President of the St James's branch of the Royal British Legion, will attend a service at St James's, Piccadilly, at 3.00 to dedicate the branch

The Princess Royal, as Patron of The Royal (Dick) School of Ver-erinary Studies, will visit the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Edinburgh University at 10.00; and will open the Royal Zoologi-cal Society of Scotland's new penguin enclosure at Edinburgh Zoological Park at 12.15. Princess Margaret will attend

a concert by the National Children's Orchestra in York Minster in aid of the York Minster Trust at 6.55. The Duke of Kent, as president of the RNLI, will perform the nam-ing caremony of "RNLB The Four

Boys" at Sennen Cove lifeboat station, Cornwall, at 9.15. The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, will attend a fashion show at the Phyllis Court Club, Henleyon-Thames, at 6.50, in aid of the West Berkshire Appeal .

Gray's Inn

Professor David Edward, QC, a Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Communities, has been elected an honorary master of the Bench of Grzy's Inn. Dame Ann Ehsworth has been elected a master of the Bench of Gray's inn.

Luncheon

Lanchtime Comment Club
Mr Alastair Stewart was the guest
speaker at a function of the
Lunchtime Comment Club held Rooms, Mr Stuart Drumm



Two great family names of the British stage came together last night when Daniel Thorndike (left) and Corin Redgrave began a series of performances of Love from Shakespeare to Coward, an evening of verse, prose and theatrical anecdotes, at the Theatre Museum, Covent Garden

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss C.A. Prost

The engagement is announced between Shaun, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Bracty, of Ringmore, Devonshire, and Carol, younger daughter of the late Mrs Diana Frost and daughter and stepdaughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Frost, of Wingrave,

Mr J.M.T. Charlesworth and Miss N.L. James

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs A.H. Charlesworth, of Keswick, Cumbria, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.R. James, of Godsiming, Surrey.

Mr J.M.S. Cobb

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of the late Sir John Cobb and of the time Sir John Cood and bit Lady Cobb, of Fulham, London, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Rasson, of Chelsea, London.

Mr LY.C. Last and Miss M.J.L. Woold

The engagement is announced between Ludovic, son of Mr and Mrs Y.R.J. Lanoč, of Tours, France, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Wedd, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

invited to contact the school for

Summer Term begins today. Chloe Davies is Head Girl and Nicholas Whittle is Head Boy in this the School's Centenary Year.

On Saurday, July 11, there will be a Centenary Service at 10.30sm, a day of sport and a Centenary Ball at 8pm. A Dinner will be held on Saurday, October 10. Details of all events can be be believed to the property of the service of

The Summer Term starts on Thursday, April 23. The St George's Tennis Pairs will be played on Saurday, May 9, and the MCC match will be on Friday,

tained from the Burner

St George's College

Weybridge

Packwood Haugh

Mr R.H. Lucas and Miss A. Motykwska The engagement is announced

between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Lucas, of Postmasters' Hall, Oxford, and of Lambrook House, Somerset, and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jerzy Motylewskscy, of

Mr E.de G. Lucas and Miss C. Sinnig

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Lucas. of Postmasters' Hall. Oxford, and of Lambrook House, Somerset, and Claudia, elder daughter of the late Mr Kurt Sinnig and of Mrs Erika Sinnig, of Gotha, Germany.

Mr A. Mirrell and Miss L.E. Cairns The engagement is announced between Alan, only son of Mr and Mrs J.W.P. Mowat, of Armley, Leeds, and Laura Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mrs M.C. Cairns and Mr J. Cairns, of Godalming, Surrey.

The Hon Andrew Shirley and Miss T.R. Halfpenny

The engagement is announced between Andrew, the younger son of The Earl and Countess Ferrers. of Ditchingham Hall, Norfolk, and Tamara, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Halfpenny, of Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

Bridge

Handleys' double success

BY ALBERT DORMER BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH players repelled the traditional arrong continental challenge in The Guardian Easter Tournament at the Park

The Swiss teams' event was wor by the London-based team of Brian Callaghan, Rob Cliffe, Rod Eaton and Al Woo, ahead of Schilehart's German squad and

In the pairs championship, lan Handley and Les Steele gained what could prove to be a significant success when they finished narrowly ahead of last year's winner, Brian Senior, whose particular trees are Devid Brice, and 200 ner was David Price, and 200 other pairs.

trader, surrendered his inter-national trials status during a

His Easter win with one of Scotland's top performers comes just two weeks after his wife, Michelle Handley, turned in the

School announcements

Bedford High School

The Summer Term at Bedford High School begins today and ends on July 2. The Middle School play, Puff 'N' Ernie, a joint production with Bedford School will be performed on May 6, 7, 8 and 9. The Guild Centenary celebrations will be held on May 8 and 9 at the High School Former and 9 at the High School. Former pupils should contact the Guild Secretary at the School for further secretary at the School for further information. The Junior School play, Rats, will be performed on June 24, 25 and 26. The Sixth Form Leavers Ball will be held on June 25 at the Moat House Hotel. Bedford. Open Afternoons for girls joining the School in September 1992 and their perents will be held on the afternoons

The Cricket Quarter starts today. A.T. Roberts-Miller is Head of School, Maria Steyn, Head Girl, and A.N.W. Gompertz, Captain of Cricket. Exeat will be from of Cricket. Exeat will be from Saturday, May 23 to Wednesday, May 27. The Quarter ends on Saturday, June 27, which is also Old Carthusian Day. A concert to mark the retirement of Mr Geoffrey Ford will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, on Friday, May 15, 1992, at 8pm. A Reunion will be held at the School on Saturday. October 10, for all Saturday, October 10, for all those who left between OQ 1949 and CQ 1955 (details from the

of Friday, June 19 (Junior School), Wednesday, June 24

The Cheltenham Ladies College

The Summer Term begins today at the Cheltenham Ladies' College. Half term is from Friday, May 22 (1.00pm) to Wednesday, May 27, Inclusive. The Guid Bienniai Weekend will take place from Friday, May 8, to Sunday, May 10 and will include the Daisy Ball which will be held on Sanurday. May 9, at 7.30 for Sanurday. May 9, at 7.30 for Saturday, May 9, at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Tickets for this can be

The Bishop of Tewkesbury will conduct a Confirmation Service in Cheltenham College Chapel at 11.00am on Sanurday, May 16. There will be a Summer Concert on July 3, and term ends on Sanurday, July 4, after Leaving Prayers and Speech Day.

Summer Term at Chigwell School Summer term at Chigwen School, starts today and ends on Tuesday, June 30. Speech Day and the Summer Ball will be held on Saturday, June 20. The Captain of Cricicet is Giles Offen (Penn's). The Summer Concert will be on June 29, and the Junior School play, Peter Pan, will be nerformer on the nights of May 13 to 16.

Haileybury and Imperial The Summer Term began yes-terday, C.C. Fowkes (Halley) con-tinues as Head of School, W.B.P.

Stanley-Evans (Melvill) as Second Head, and Sarah Carron Brown (Alban's) as Third Head. T.P.
Faulkner (Lawrence) is Captain of
Cricket. Mr R.A.R. Hedderwick
and Mr A.G. Macpherson have
retired from the Council and have been succeeded by Mr B.D. MacPhall and Mr C.G. Macpherson. Mr W.A.J. Treneman has become President of the Haileybury Society. The Summer Concert will be on May 22 and Speech Day on May 23, when the Guest of Honour will be the Right Hon the Baroness Brigstocke.
The preacher at the Commemoration Service will be the Right Revd P.E. Coleman (OH), Bishop of Creditor. The Orchestra will give a concert at St Martin-to-the-Fields at 7.30pm on May 12. A Reunion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the amalgamen anniversary of the amalgamation of Halleybury College and the Imperial Service College will be held at Halleybury on May 9. The Halleybury Society Reurium for those who entered Halleybury between 1960 and 1975 will be on June 13. The Halleybury.

Term starts today and ends on

Sherborne Cricket Festival will

take place at Haileybury from June 30 to July 1. Term ends on

Kimbakon School

July 2. Speech Day is on May 23, when Lord Runcie will present the prizes. Old Kimboltonians' Day is June 20. Lanymer Upper School, London, W6

Summer Term starts today and ends on July 2. The Choral Society Concert will be held on May 6. at St Paul's Church, Hammersmith. Founder's Day is on May 22. Captain of Cricket is S.M. Phillips, Captain of Athletics is N.G.E. Maddox and Captain of Roste is D.J. Hebba tain of Boats is D.L. Habba.
Speakers addressing School Societies during the term will include
Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone. KG, CH, Sir Hermann Bondi, and the Right Hon David Mellor,

Mariborough College

The Summer Term at Mariborough College begins today.
Tortjorn Dimbiad (Littlefield) becomes Senior Prefect and Thomas Macfadyen (Littlefield) Captain of School. The Junior Schools of Examination will May 6. Commemoration week-end will be May 30 and 31, when the preacher at the Chapel services will be the Right Rev James Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Wells. The Rugby match will be at Rugby on June 24 and 25. Exeat is from May 22 to May 27 and term ends on June 26.

Malvern College

Summer Term begins at Malvern College today. R.A. Fuge and J. Piney continue as Senior and Junior Chapel Prefects respectively. The Summer Concert is on Saurday. May 16, and Half-

June 12. Fr Walter Munt retiring Headmaster, will distribute the prizes on Speech Day, Sunday, May 17. Old Georgians' Day is on Sunday, June 28 and the School Regama on Wednes-day, July 1. Term ends on Friday, July 3 and the twenty-fourth Choir Tour to Belgium and Hol-

Summer term began yesterday and ends on Saturday, July 4. Dr John Clarke and Mr Kenneth Macdonald have joined the Governing Body. Sarah Hobbs (formerly of the Duke of Kent Preparatory School) and Alex Hawkins (formerly of St Bede's Preparatory School) have been elected the new School Knights. The school will continue its involvement with the Pilkington Tennis Tournament at Devon-Tennis Tournament at Devon-shire Park from June 13 to 20. Founders' Day is on Saturday, June 20, when the Guest Speaker will be Mr David Hicks, MBE, Former Director-General of the English-Speaking Union and General Director of the interlocal competitor, Mr David John-son, in the British Steel Round the World Yacht Race, and he will

Senior College musicians will be solutes hi a Concern Concert ou

June 21 and the Commemoration

Play on June 24, 25 and 26, is the Junior production, Sweeney Todd the Barber. Term ends on Sat-

urday, June 27, when the preacher at the Commemoration.

Service will be the Very Reverend Arch-Priest Benedict, Founder of

the Community of St Anthony and St Elias, Tomes: Mr D.D.

Lindsay, CBE, former Head-master, will present the prises at

Moira House, Eastbourne

More House School

visit the school on Monday, June

The Summer Term begins today. Wednesday, April 22, and ends on Wednesday, July 1. To celebrate twenty-one years in Pont Striet, His Eminence Cardinal Hume, the school's patron, will celebrate Mass at 2.00pm on Monday, June 22, at St Many's, Cadonay Street, Any former Park Cadogan Street. Any former pu-pils who have not received

St James's and The Abbey

Term begins today at St James's and The Abbey, West Malvern, Worcestershire, and ends on Priday, July 3, with Commemoration at which the Speaker will be Anita Roddick. The Old Girls' Association and Parents' Society May Ball is on Saturday, May 30, at School (tickets available from Susie Green, 10 Solna Avenue, London, SW15 6UY). The following Scholarships have been

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particularly hectic spell but is now back in commution and could successfully press his claims.

best foreign achievement at the Pasadena Spring Nationals. Mi-chelle Handley is training for this year's world Olympiad in Venice and since the couple stand level in the lasest Better Bridge in Britain ratings, rivaly could provided the needed spur to both.

On Monday, Michelle Handley, in company with Sandra Landy, Lis McGowan and Sandra Penfold, improved their Olympiad prospects when they defeated Austria, led by continental Europe's leading woman piayer, Maria Erhard, by eight international match points over 60 heards.

IN MEMORIAM -

DGATE - Geoffrey William. 0.11.1924 21.04.1988.

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PRIVATE

PUBLIC NOTICES

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The the afternoon the Presentaten of Awards will take place in
the main auditorium of the Royal
Prestvat Hall at 2.50m when
medals for gallentry and other
awards will be presented by His
Majasty King Contribution.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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wait for the Lord with long-ing, I put my hope in his word Proim 130 . 5 RIRTHS ADCOCK - On Good Friday April 17th, 1992, to Judi thee Piket and Robert, a son. Thomas Oliver George

ANNAN - On April 18th, lo Lesley (nee Freeman) and Roger, a son, Alexander James A brother for Victoria AYLETT - On April 15th, at SI Peter's Hospital. Cherisey to Rosamund one Stewarti and Anthony. a daughter. Nicola Frances, a absert for Journal of the Communication of the Journal of the Communication of the Communicati

CALDERWOOD DUNCAN .

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DONNELLY On April 14th, to Clare ince Boweni and Timothy, a baby daughter. Cecily May HIDER - On April 9th, at Hammersmith Hospital, to Nicks ince Halghrand Mark, a beautiful son, George Eriward Mark, a brother for

HOLLIS - On April 17th to Sarah (nee Wright) and Christopher, a daughter Ruby Grace IZBUDAK - On April 19th, to Mehmet and Margaret (Nee Proglowska) a daughter, Soft

KNIGHT - On April 15th, to Emma iNee Vans Agnew) and Mark, a son James William Hamish A brother

LEWIS - On March 5th, to Jane Field and Robert, a son, Mailhew Robert Field Lewis, at St Thomas's London. MILLAR - On April 17th, at Millar - On April 17th, at Humana Hospital, lhe Humana Hospital, Wellington, to Suzanne and NELSON-CHESTERMAN On \pril 18th, to Clare and Frazer, a son, Jack. MORTHEAST - On April 13th, at Queen Mary's Hospital Rochampton, to Nicola moc Isman) and Andrew, a daughter, Rebecca. ORME - On April 16th, to Jill in ee Dyson's and Richard, a ton, Harry George Samuel, a brother for Lauren. POLAK - On April 14th, io Saily ince Bollon Jones; and David, a son, Thomas Oliver Tret ellyan.

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PURDIE- On April 18th, at the
John Radchiffe Hospital.
Oxford. to Robert and
Elisabeth intee Calmant, a
daughter, Antonia Catherine
Inan SLANSHARD - On April SAKAMOTO - On April 16th.

ar The Humana Hospital, Wellington to Yotchi and Kyoko. a daughter, Mistato. SAVILE - On April 17, to Philippa ince Dudgeon; and Keth. a son Samuel Christopher. a brother for Hanneh and Joshue. MOWERSTE On April 20th, to Emily (nee Azis) and Jonathan. a daughter. Eleanor

SMITH - On April 18th, to Carolyn thee Bilghil and Christopher, a son, Ollver William Eland, a brother for SPEIR - On April 16th 1992. To Nalalie (nee Caron) and Robert, a daughter, Antonia Marianne.

Marianne. THOMSON - On April 17th. at the Humana Hospital. Wellington. to David and Carey. a son. Samuel Logan. Carey, a son, Samuel Logar.
VERSEN - On April 20th
1992. at John Radcitife
Hospital. Oxford. to Cleone
(nee Crichton) and Richard, a
son (Frederick James), a half
brother for Emma and
Edward.

ANNIVERSARIES

COLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

NUMPHREYE WYNN-WILLIAMS - On April 22nd 1942, In London, John 19 Cordella, Wilh our love from Juliet and Elizabeth. DEATHS

ANDERSON - On Good Friday, April 17th, Jean Elra Anderson (Mrs At Milparinka, Manse Road, Killin, Funeral Service al Perth Crematorium on Friday April 24th, at 1.45pm, Donallors in Ileu of flowers to Childrens Charity of Chakes

DEATHS

flowers only

BLISSETT • On April 20th,
peacefully in hospital.
Arthur Henry aged 87,
husband of the lale Arno
Cremation at Eastbourne on
Tuesday April 28th at 3pm.
Flowers to Mummery F/D
31 Devosshire Road BeshillOn-See. Tet: 0424 730418.

On-Sea. Tel: 0424 730418.

Broadhuist On April 20th. peacefully in Crieff after a long illiness, Moira, formerly of Clathick, and latterly of Gowan House, beloved wife of the late Bill Broadhurst and ioxed mother of Marigoid and Michael, grandmother of William, Catherine and Jennifer, and great-grandmother of Emma. Private family fumeral followed by service of thanksplving at St Serf's Church, Comric 3.30 pm on Monday April 27th 1992.

CALDEL MARSHALL ON APRIL 17th. Arthur, aged 83.

KEECH:BREWER Yelland, on April 22nd 1967.
Adrian and Var, Iwo
wonderful people, Much love
Martyn and Chris.

AZWONTHY - Ca April 16th 1992, pracefully at home Geoffrey John Houndary 1992, peacefully all home Geoffrey John trounder, director of the Sherman Theatre, Belon ed husband of Caroline, devoted father of Caroline, devoted father of Caroline, the state of Caroline, the state of Alan and Tony, Loving grandfather of Angela, Luiza and Sara, Funeral private, Family flowers only

April 17th. Arthur, aged 83.
for 58 years beloved husband of Ara and much loved father of Anna and Caire, grandfather of Tom. Joshua and Harry, Private family fumeral Friday April 24th. Flowers to Charing Crematorium. Kent.

Crematorium, Kent.

CAMPBELL ORDE - On

Saturday April 18th, 1992 at

New Donnington Hayes

Nursing Home, Newbury,

Alan Colin Campbell Orde

CBE, AFC, FRACS, devoted

husband of the late Beatnice

and much loved and

respected by his stepdaughter

Molife Haynes, her family and much loved and respected by his stepdaughter Mollie Haynes, her family and his niece Jenniter Gurn. He was a pioneer in the world of air transport and relained an interest in this upto the end of his life. Funeral at the Church of Si Mary the Virgin. Crides elevon April 25th at 2:30pm. No flowers but, donalions to Newbury Victims Support C/o Camp Hopson & Chivers, Northbrook Street. Newbury. RGIS 1DN would be most wolcome. All enqui-

CLARK- On 18th April 1992 CLARK- On 18th April 1992.
Gwendoline Victoria,
(Wendy), widow of Honry
Rowntree Clark, deor
mother of Paul, David and
Jonathan, and precious
grandmother. Requiem Mass
at Sacred Hearl Church,
Westbury-On Trym. Bristol,
Monday 27th April at noon.
Enquiries 0272 424039. DEATHS

CHAUMETON - On April 18th 1992, peacefully at Stratford-upon-Avon. Emile Edmund, a very dear 'Pop' to all the family. Furneral service at St. James' Church, Alveston, Near Stratford-upon-Avon on Tuesday April 28th at 1 30ptu. followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. donations if desired for the NSPOC. C/o A E Bennett & Sons. 34 Sheop Street. Stratford-upon-Avon CV3T ALL.

CLINGAM - On April 16th, peacefully at St Mary's Hospital. LO W. Pat (Eleven). aped 70 years, much loved wife of last for 41 years. Mother of Doruthle and grandmother of Claire and grandmother of Claire and grandmother of Claire and grandmother of Claire and grandmother of Doruthle and grandmother of Claire and class. She loved flowers Cremellon at Southampton Cremellon and Gearly flowers (Nyel LOW). By Spin Thursday.

CLITTERBUCK - On April 14th, at Westhampnett N/H. Crichester, Dortia, aged 92, beloved wife of the late Strate and dearly foved mother of Anne. Cremellon private. Service of Thanksgiving at Bury Parish Church on Wednesday April 19th 13 230 p.m. No flowers please, but donations if desired, to the Children's Society. C/o Nat. West Basic. Petworth, West Susses.

COOPER - On April 17th 1992, at St. Peter's Hospital. Cheristy, Sarrey on Priday 24th April at 11 am. Funeral Service at St. Anne's Catholic Church. Eastworth Road. Cheristy, Sarrey on Priday 24th April at 11 am. Funity flowers only, Donallons. If desired, he Litture. Cheristy.

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DASH - On April 17th, Frank
Dash, 91 years, formerly of
Highgau. Cremation April
30th, Enquires Telephone
0438 316623.

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DOUBLEDAY - On Torsday
April 21st. at Abberton
Massor Newsloss Horse
Colchester. Mangarot.
beloved wife of Gordon
Farm. Great Totham.
Maldon. Essex. and much
loved mother of Jame.
Andrew and John. Andrew and John.

DOUGLAS - On April 17th.
suddenly. Malcolm Ruy.
aped 42. Loving husband of
Sue, devoted father of Emma
and Malithew and beloved
son of Vie and the late Robert
Douglas. Funeral service at
St. Johns Church. Churt on
Monday April 27th. at
10.30am. followed by
private cremation. Family
flowers only, but donations.
if desired. to the British Heart
Foundations.

DEATHS ELMS - On April 20th 1992. Bestrice Furndon (Granty B)

ELMS - On April 20th 1992.
Beatrice Fursion (Granty B)
peacefully. In her 93rd year.
Creatly loved by her family
and by all who knew her.
Funeral Friday April 24th at
Albury Parish: Church el.
2.30pm. Family flowers.
Donallone if desired to international Childcare Trust D16
Peabody Estate, WC28 4AG

GURNEY - On April 17th...

Vera Marion, aged 89 of 12

Taylor Court. Reading, formeetr on the staff of Trebour
Homeral. Alima. to riman AllSaints. Downstor Square.
Reading. Fureral mass All
Saints. Monday. April 27th
Ipri. 0754 572000, Flowers
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HAMER - On Good Friday.
Lyndon Evelyn. (noe
Coryndon-Baker) sery dear
wate of Rex and loving
mother of Wayne Once of
Durban and 'A' Force.
Quietly in hospital after
many years of broten health
borne with great fortifude.
Funeral service at
Bournemouth Crestatorium
on Friday 24th April at
10 15gen. MARE - On Thursday April 16th, Marjorie Katherine Hare inte Colei sanderily at Oxford, aged 78. Much loved and terribly missed by her five sons and their families. Cremation at Oxford crematorium at Jonn on Tuesday 28 April. Flowers or donations to SANE C/o Reeves & Pain. 288 Abingdon Ruad, Oxford, OX1 4TE.

HIGGINS - On April 16th 1992: Frederick Harold. Suddenly but peacefully in Chettenham Generat Hospital: Most beloved husband of Joyce. Father of Angela and Cluir. Crandfether of Kalle and Hannah. Private funeral has aiready taken place, Thanks-giving Service at Northleach Church on Tuesday April 28th at 2.30pm.

HOLDEN - On April 18th 1992, peacefully at Starling Royal Infirmacy, James Milate

1992. Derothy Rhoda Emily. Peacefally at home aged 85 years. Beloved wife of George Randall Much loved mother of Ann. John. See and Paul, and will be sailly missed by her granischildren & were grandrilldren missed by her grantichildren & great grantchildren.
Funeral service at Caldy Church. Wirral. Monday April 27th at 1.45yru. Followed by private genmittal. Flowers and enquiries to Churles Stephens. Cillion House Funeral Home. Rock Ferry. Wirral. Tel: 051 645 4396

DEATHS Brattle, Charleted Pater

Busille, Charlerred Patent Agent, much lowed father of Allan, Caroline and Sheems. Funeral at St. Andraw's U.R.C. Esting, April 23rd at 12.30pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations to impertal Cancer Research Pund, c/o Christopher Wickenden - Funeral Services, 71 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, London W7 11.3.

BIASON - On April 20th.
Cyrli Thomas (Busury) of
Labore and Earle Court, aged
95 years, beloved husband of
line late Edna Mason. Misen
loved by Family and friends.
Funeral private. Donations
please to The Heart Foundation. 6 Terrace Walk, Bath.

MURDAY - On April 20th, at his home in Famborough in Warwickshire, very sud-dealy, Professor Peter shuaray Emerius Professor of Birkheck College, Univerally of London, aged 71. Beloved husband of Lindon and brother of Harvey. A memoriai service will be announced later

MOCK - On April 16th 1992, in Outhaven Hospice, Lymington, Marsaret Harnon tformely While, Funeral service at Lymington Parish Church on Friday April 24th at 2 30pm. Bollowed by cremation. Family Rowers only, donations if desired for Outhaven Hospice may be sent c/o F.W. House and Sons. Fr. Lymington. sent c/o F.W. Ho Sons. F/D. Lymings

HAMENT - On April 16th 1992, Mador Peter George Hodges, ex Royal Invistilling Fusiliers, Beloved husband of Borronge, and brother of Lord Nugent of Culliford, Father to Alastair and grandfather to Melicolm. Funeral at Hascounter, Survey Ports Church at 3gm on Thursday April 23rd, Family flowers only please, Donations to RNIB.

PARE - On April 20th. suddently. Phillip. 73 Castland Drive. Ledbury. Herefordshire. Priest, beloved hustland. (ather and PACKARD - On Ayrii 18th. In Florida, John J. Jacki, aged 80 years. Much Invol Na-band. faither and grandfather "To know him

DEATHS PACRE - On Good Friday, sadderly and peacefully. Judith Peacelope of Browley Common. Reart, believed Mary, Aura and Creat Ann. Funeral Thursday April 29th, 2 pm. at Holy Trinity, Browley Common. Enduires J & R Kuller, Oct. 462 1009

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FARRY - On April 19th 1992.

Str. Grunk! Hugh Nigel
C.B.E. Peacefully after a
courageous bartle against
Cancer. Much loved husband
of Ann. Father of Verily &
Amanda and Grandfather of
Sean and Matthew. Funeral
service to be heid at St
Andrews Church, Hirsham.
Norfolk. On Friday April
24th at 2.30 ym., Family
flowers only please but if
desired donations for The
Priscilla Bacco Lodge Ameni
des Find may be sent of P I
Bartram & Son. Funeral
Divedons. 42 Fairland Street,
Wymondham. Norfolk.
NORTON.

NRIB OJS.

PARSONS - On April 16th, suddenly, Tora Raymond beloved husband of late Sybil and rotch loved father of Philippa and Carolyn.

Privale cresnalion. Service of Thurdeslying at St. Lobes. Sway, on Monday April 27th, at 2pm. No flowers please but donellons for National Trust (LOW), may be sent c/o F.W. House and Som. F/D. Lyntingtod.

PAMSONE - On April 17th.

Soms, F/O., Lymington.

PAWSON - On April 17th.
Geoffrey Philip Heary (Codfrey). Priest of the
Community of insumrection,
in the 89th year of his age
and the 46th year of his age
and the 46th year of his
Profession. R.I.P. Spiesma
Requiers and Burfai at the
House of Resurrection,
Mirfield, on April 30th at
11.30 o.m.

RAWCLEFFE - On April 16th, poacefully at his home in Broad Campden, James Verson, aged 75 years, Private Cremation. Private crematives

READ Pencelulty on 21st
April 1992, Alan, dearly
loved husband, daddy and
granded Funeral service at
the Southbourne Methodist
Church, Southbourne on
Monday April 27th at 3pm,
Family flowers only please,
donations it so gestred for the
MacMillian Trust Christchurch Hospital, maybe sent
to Miller Bros and FP Buller
Ltd. Funeral Directors, 119
Bargales, Christchurch, Dorset. Tet: 0202 485439,
BEED - On April 19th, John

sel. Tel: 0202 485439,

MEED - On April 19th, John
Lebin of Selbury Shropshire,
much loved husinged of
Claude, peacefully at home
after a stort thoese. The
Funeral service will be held
at St. Mary's Church,
Stollandon on Friday April
24th at 3 pm. Family Rovers
only, domainess, if desired,
for Sidbury and Stotlendon
Churches.

DEATHS RUSSELL-AGBBETT - On April 17th, 1992, peacefully at home. Paul loving and much loved husband of loans and father of Andrel and Stephen. Requiem Mass on Friday 24th et 9:15am, St. James The Less and St. Helen. Calchester.

Helen. Calchester.

SAMUEL - On April 17th, Rhoda, widow of Dodley Samuel, at home after a short illices. Occupia mourned by stater Mozfel Rithlat, sieces, supplews, relatives and friends. Puberal service 11am April 22, Wilsden Cometery.

22. Wilsden Cernetery.

E-E-REFEE On April 18th in London, Rossinad Cyndria, late of St John's Wood, London Crematorium on Wednesday Auril 29th at 11.30 am. Docations if desired in Distressed Centle. Folics Aid Association c/o J.H. Kenyon, BS Westbourne Grove, London W2 4fff. 5st. 0711 223-3610. e071) 229-3610.

STEPHEN - On April 18m.
1992. suddenly in hospital.
Alice Elizabrih. Rid. HMI.
Dept. of Ed. Deeply missed
by Sybil. Francis and
Harbourne, uletes and
riends. Fuwers service at
Tumbridge Welts Crematorium on Monday April 27th
at 3.30pm. Family flowers
only, bul donations if desired
to Chest. Heart or Arthritic
Associations c/o C.
Waterhouse & Sons. High
Street. Burwash. Elect Sussex. Tei: 0435 882219.

STONE - On April 18th. sud-SHIRLEY - Maria, Friday 1st May, 12:30pm at The University Church of Christ The King, Gordon Square, London, WCI.

Sex. Tel: 0435 882219.

STONE - On April 18th, suddenly and pecceiolly at home Rocky aged 77. Thankoglying service at St. John's Church. Windlesham. Surrey at 5.30 pm Thursday April 20th. Oxf. flowers only please to Country Flowers. Windlesham 0276 72112 or idnd donalions To The Federated Heart Foundation. Love Lane. London ECZV 7HJ. Memorial Service to be hold Wednesday June 10th at Noon, St Lawrence Jewry, west Guidshall.

THORNE - On April 20th, peacefully at home,
Christopher, Professor Of
International Relations.
Funeral to be held at
Edburton Church early next
week, Details will follow. week. Details will follow.

Will Hill Con Auril 18 1982.

suddenly at home Cyril
Wright aged 77 (formeriy of
Coles. Mortimer Stroet.
Lundon. Wil.) Funeral
service followed by cramation at the South London
Crematorium. Rowan Road,
Streathem, 5W16 at 2pm on
Monday April 27. No Bowers
please but donalidas may be
obtal to: The Secretary,
Priends of St. George's
Hospital. Biacleshaw Road,
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TILNEY - On April 20th. Joyfully, Harold Arthur Rhodel (Frackies), Beloved husband of Jocetyn, dear falber af Margarita, Sally, Godfrey and Sophile and much loved grandfather of Tom, Angus, Felix, Hugo, Brivard and Oliver, Funntus service at St Mary's Church, Westpate, Burnham Market on Friday April 24th, at 12 noon followed by private cremation at 2:20pm, Family flowers only please but, donalons if required for Sudanese Familie Appeal of 2:36eviceman's Mental Weifare Association, C/o John Lincoln, 40 Greevegale, htms:200m. Norfolk.

YOUNGER - On April 14th
1992, at Herpeden, Henleyon-Themes. Str. William
McEwan, Bart, DSO of
Moray Place. Edinburgh.
survived by his wife June
and daughter Caroline.
Family flowers only.
Cromation at Reading
Cremetorium, Caversham,
Reading on Thuraday April
25rd 1992 at 4.00 pm.
Donallors may be sun! lo
Save the Children Fund. MEMORIAL SERVICES

NOTICES ALSO APPEAR ON THE PERSONAL PAGE

Auswers from some 14 SPOUSEBREACH

(a) Adultary, the original Old English word for it before the Latinate emphemism: "Whence might this distaste arise? From where cometh my unaccustomed displeasure and grief? From any loose demeaner, wanton carriage, sponsebreach, or disobedience in my daughter." GAIR

(a) Sharp, keen, covetous, and a number of vagnety related commonations, from the Old Norse gorr: "Gair bodies a', now mak yer mane." Auld honest Harry's dead and game." POSTCIBAL

(b) After dinner, from the Latin post after + cibus food, a mock pedantic formation: "These postcibal perorations are usually better performed, and always better heard, when drunk." **FETATION** (c) Pregnancy, the formation of a foctus or embryo, from the Latin fetareto produce offspring: "The eggs of silkworms, being riped to fetation by the heat of

PERSONAL APPEARS IN LIFE & TIMES SECTION PAGE 9

T. LESLIE J.

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T Leslie Jackson, refevision producer, deed on April Laged St. He was born in Manchester, on April 20 (414)

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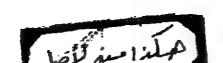
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T. LESLIE Jackson masterminded the popular television shows What : Mr Line' and This Is Your Life Yet the success which both in their different ways achieved was by no mean, a paregone concluming at the outset. The sometimes genial sometimes peppers, interrogations by such panel premeers as Gerben Harding and Marghanna Laski in What's My Line and the often emotional drama of This is Your Life called for saidul handling. The BBC hierarchy of the 1950s was particularly hesiiant about the latter, a frank import of American models which often trod the norders of lastelessness. But Jackson saw the show's potential, and

his enthusiasm carned the Under his guidance the show ran to seven highly sucthere were the unlooked for traumas for example, when the night's exiebrity found out that he was the "victim" and refused to cooperate, thus terpedoing that particular show.
A notable such occasion was when the success player Dan-ny Blanchilower took one look at Eamonn Andrews's red book and fled After leaving school at 14 shown Thomas, sometimes only known as Terencel Lesie Jackson moved with his fam-

ly from Manchester to Ire land, where he worked in a



BENNY HILL

Benny Hill, comedian, was found dead at his home in Teddington on April 20. He was 67 and had suffered a heart attack. He was born in Southampton on January 21, 1925.

BENNY Hill's humour was drawn from a number of sources, including music-hall and the silent cinema. He excelled both in mime and in dever word play. He also made great use of outrageous characterisation, employing all the worst and funniest of national traits from cross-eyed Orientals to belligerent Bavarians and could transform himself at will from a bashful choirboy into a lascivious lout. He was the first British comedian really to harness the facilities of television to advance the art of comedy beyond the music hall stage without resorting to the dependence on the strong story-lines of the modern cinema. He pioneered the visual techniques of split screens and multiple appearances, playing all four members of the Juke Box Jury panel in one innovative 1961 take-off and in another taking 50 parts in one comedy playlet.

In essence Benny Hill animated for the small screen the bawdy tradition of the seaside postcard, with its iokes about bottoms and bosoms and hen-pecked husbands leering at pretty girls displaying their suspend-

ers and stocking-tops.
He was often criticised by the more po-faced sectors of society for vulgarity and the "sexist" nature of his sketches, failing foul of the Broadcasting Standards Council and Mrs Mary Whitehouse and her campaign to clean up television. Nor did his penchant for scantily clad girls endear him to some of the more ardent feminists. He argued cogently, however, that in his sketches it was the men who lost their dignity rather than the women. Benny Hill never swore. Nor did he chase the girls in his sketches. The girls chased him. Whatever his critics said, for much of the viewing public both at home and abroad he was, year after year, just about the funniest man on television. He eventually became something of a cult figure in America and was revered by many of his showbusiness peers as one of the all-time masters of visual comedy, alongside Chaplin and Laurel and Hardy.

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Benny Hill's persona was that of plumpish man with a moon face, a mischievous grin and the bearing of an overgrown schoolboy. The dirty joke and the rude rhyme were an essential part of his act, although they were usually conveyed by innu-endo. The audience was left to pick up the double meaning while Hill protested wide-eyed innocence that anyone could misinterpret what he was saying. Hill was a master at logue, comprising a non-stop suc-leading his audience into naughty cession of gags speeded up by the



thoughts before ending with a per-fectly innnocent line. "Two bishops in a bed. Which one wears the nightdress?" he would ask, then add: "Mrs Bishop."

He was a talented impressionist and one of the first comedians to make a feature of sending up other television shows. He also evolved his own comic characters, among them the lisping impresario, Fred Scuttle; Mr Chow Mein, the Chinaman with an accident-prone grasp of the Engish language; and the black-wigged madrigal singer, Herbert Fudge. He would play as many as 30 parts in one show. Hill took great delight in word play, showing great origi-nality in his use of tongue-twisters and outrageous puns. But he believed that television homour should be primarily visual and many of his sketches were entirely without diacamera and delivered to tinkling piano accompaniment after the style of the silent film.

Hill wrote his own scripts, at first in collaboration with Dave Freeman and later alone; he composed the music for his shows: and he was virtually the director as well, spending hours on one routine to perfect its pace and timing.

Benny Hill was born Alfred Hawthorne Hill of working class parents in Southampton. His interest in showbusiness may have come from his father, a former circus performer. After attending Taunton's School - where he was taught English by Horace King, later Speaker of the House of Commons - he left early, and was a weighbridge clerk in a coal yard. served in Woolworth's and became a milk roundsman. In his spare time

property boy and played small parts in a touring revue, later becoming stage manager. He got his first chance to appear on stage at the East Ham Palace. The comedian's stooge failed to appear one night and Hill went on in his place.

He developed as a performer in troop concerts during the second world war. He joined the army in 1942, serving for five years, the last of which he spent appearing in "Stars in Battle Dress". After leaving the army he went into variety, a tough but invaluable training ground. In a summer show at Margate he was straight man to Reg Varney, the cockney comedian later to star in The Rag Trade and On the Buses. In the immediate post-war years he made more than 200 broadcasts, performing on such shows as Midday Music Hall, Starlight Hour. Anything Goes and Henry Hall's Guest Night as well as at least one Royal Command perfor-mances. Early television success came when he was chosen to compere a forces show from the Nuffield Centre in the early 1950s. He was an immediate success with viewers and within two years he had been given his own series, winning his first television personality of the year award in 1954,

Benny Hill was shrewd enough to realise that television performers can easily be over-exposed and outstay their welcome and he deliberately restricted himself to a handful of shows a year. In doing so he risked the opposite danger, that the public would forget him, but this never happened.

Once he was established his style and his routines varied little but he had an unfailing grasp of popular taste and even when he had been away from the screen for a long period he was able to pick up exactly where he left off. Scantily clad girls - known as Hill's Angels - were a fixture of the productions, usually displaying their stocking tops or their cleavage before the either mischievously lustful or mischievously innocent gaze of Hill and a cast of supporting character actors which he seldom changed. In addition to writing his own scripts he composed comic songs, several of which be-came hits, in particular "Ernie (the Fastest Milkman in the West)". The show's finale was almost always a speeded-up chase sequence in which Hill was pursued by a melec of women in varying states of attire, police, trate husbands and assorted animals and children, to the accompaniment of the Benny Hill theme

Between 1968 and 1988 he made about 70 of these one-hour productions for Thames Television. The programmes were rarely out of the he played the drums in a dance best comedy award in 1971, and band. While still only 16 he was a were enormously popular worldwide, being transmitted in such unlikely places as Angola, China and Russia. During the 1970s Hill was one of the few British comedians to be successful both in America and Europe. Compilations of sketches from his television shows were screened from coast to coast in the United States and enjoyed huge

ratings. Thames Television, however, was eventually cowed by the so-called anti-sexist lobby into dropping the comedian from its schedules. He was distressed by this snub. Recalling the moment, he said it happened at 10 am and he was out of the building by ten past. After more than 20 years it would have been nice, he added, to have had a "pat on the back". He was later to remark that in one "alternative comedy" act on television he had counted 91 swear words; yet he would get into trouble simply for: "looking at a girl and saying: 'Oh her dumplings are boiling over!' ". During the following three years Hill made only one television programme - for Ameri-

Early in his career, in the 1950s, he appeared in two West End revues, Paris By Night and Fine Fettle but he then abandoned the theatre completely. In the 1960s he was in several films, among them Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and The Italian Job. Like other television comedians, though, he had less impact on the larger screen. In 1964 he made a single excursion into Shakespeare, playing Bottom in a television production of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Unlike many fellow comedians Benny Hill never appeared to be weighed down by the responsibility of being funny. He enjoyed his craft, was a perfectionist in its practice but avoided taking himself too seriously. He was a cultivated man with wide interests. He travelled extensively and spent much time in France, speaking French with ease, as well as some German and Spanish. He had a reputation for being unfailingly courseous and caring. He nev-er married and did his best to keep his private life private. In response to the perpetual enquiries, resulting from the fact that he was so often surrounded by pretty girls, he said he had had three serious attachments and in each his proposal of marriage had been rejected.

Despite being one of the highest paid entertainers in Britain, Hill lived simply. He had a London flat and a modest house in his home town of Southampton. He never owned a car and did his own shopping in the local supermarket. His passion was travel and wherever he went he was on the look-out for some quirk of human behaviour that could be worked into a gag for his

shall met the "Great Beast"

himself, and was disgusted and disillusioned with his

Calder-Marshall had al-

ready decided on a literary

life. He wrote some short

stories and a novel which he

immediately destroyed. After

teaching at what he consid-

ered to be a very poor minor

public school for a couple of

years (1931-33), Calder-Mar-shall went freelance, and in

shabby magic

JOHN TOMKINSON

John Tomkinson, CBE, secretary-general of the In-ternational Federation of Gynaecology and Obstet-rics, 1976-85, died on April 11 aged 76. He was born on March 8, 1916.

JOHN Tomkinson won for himself international recognition when he became, in 1976, secretary-general of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO). The federation is responsible for organising the world congress in obstetrics and gynaecology every three years, each time in a different Country.
Tomkinson gave lectures

around the world, mainly on the subject of maternal death and was made an honorary fellow of gynaecological societies in America, Canada, Colombia, Nigeria, South Africa, Brazil, Jordan, Korea, Italy, Spain, Poland and Ro-mania. From 1953 to 1979, when he retired from the NHS, he was obstetrician and gynaecological surgeon at Guy's Hospital, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital and the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

Tomkinson went to Rydal School and studied medicine at the University of Birmingham School of Medicine, qualifying MB ChB in 1941. From 1942 to 1946 he served as a surgeon lieuten-ant, RNVR. When the war was over he returned to Birmingham and continued his studies in surgery and obstetrics and gynaecology. During this time he came under the influence of Dame Hilda Lloyd who was subsequently president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. She had a reputation for surgical skill which she passed on to Tomkinson and for which he was later much sought after and admired.
In 1966 he became consul-

tant adviser to the DHSS and was co-author of five editions of the Ministry of Health Report on Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Death in England and Wales from 1964 to 1978. Each edition contained a detailed analysis



of all the maternal deaths for three years in England and Wales stating when the authors considered that avoidable factors were present due to errors on the part of the hospital, the doctor or the patient. The confidential enquiries began in 1952 and were one of the earliest examples of clinical audit on a national scale.

He served on the council of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists from 1960 to 1971, and was a co-opted member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and deputy chair-man of the Central Midwives Board. He was the only British member of the Continental Gynaecological Club of America and an enthusiastic member of the Gynaecologi-cal Club of Great Britain. In 1981 he was created CBE.

Tomkinson was a long distance runner in his youth and president of the Guy's Hospital Athletic Club. Later in life he became a keen angler, wading in the Spey in Scotland and fishing for trout on the banks of the Test in Hampshire where he had a cottage which incorporated a converted Methodist chapel.

In 1954 he married Barbara Pilkington of Eastbourne. They had two sons. Barnaby and Matthew and a daughter Claudia (now Mrs Finlay). Barnaby was killed in an accident at the age of 29. In spite of his many commitments John Tomkinson managed to find time for his family and to pursue his interest in the arts.

APPRECIATION

Col Maurice Buckmaster

YOUR obituary of Maurice Buckmaster (April 20) omitted any mention of his polit-

The late Desmond Donnelly, former Labour MP (on the right of the party), gathered a group about him in 1969 and formed the Democratic Party. The founders of the party along with Donnelly were Air Vice-Marshal "Johnny" Johnson, one of the war's

most distinguished heroes

(three DSOs and two DFCs apart from a CB, a CBE and a host of foreign decorations) Anthony Cavendish and Maurice Buckmaster. The first Democratic Party

candidate was Sir George Fitzgerald, MC, (Knight of Kerry) who stood for Louth in by-election in November 1969, which the Conservatives won.

The Democratic Party was more than ten years ahead of the SDP and was announced through the streets of Louth by Buckmaster and his fellow canvassers

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T. LESLIE JACKSON

T. Leslie Jackson, tele-vision producer, died on April 7 aged 81. He was born in Manchester, on April 20, 1910.



T. LESLIE Jackson masterminded the popular television shows What's My Line? and This Is Your Life. Yet the success which both, in their different ways, achieved was by no means a foregone conclusion at the outset. The sometimes genial, sometimes peppery, interrogations by such panel members as Gilbert Harding and Marghanita Laski in What's My Line? and the often emotional drama of This is Your Life called for skilful handling.
The BBC hierarchy of the 1950s was particularly hesitant about the latter, a frank import of American models which often trod the borders of tastelessness. But Jackson saw the show's potential, and his enthusiasm carried the

Under his guidance the show ran to seven highly successful series. Occasionally there were the unlooked for traumas — for example, when the night's celebrity found out that he was the "victim" and refused to cooperate, thus torpedoing that particular show. A notable such occasion was when the soccer player Danny Blanchflower took one look at Eamonn Andrews's red book and fled.

After leaving school at 14 T. (for Thomas, sometimes known as Terence) Leslie Jackson moved with his family from Manchester to Ireland, where he worked in a flour mill and boxed as an amateur before joining the Abbey Theatre, Dublin. Later he returned to Manchester to join the city's repertory com-pany where he met Joanne Spoonly, whom he married in

During the war he served in the Royal Navy as a seaman on Murmansk convoys and then, after being commissioned, he commanded a tank landing craft in the Normandy landings. Later, he almost lost his life when a storm in the Irish sea devastated a landing craft flotilla carrying war materials for the war against the Japanese, sinking nine of the 12 vessels, including Jackson's.

In 1945 Jackson joined a company of ex-servicemen ac-tors called John Fernald's Reunion Theatre, among them Kenneth More. From there he joined the BBC as a studio manager at Alexandra Palace, where he was involved in the early Richard Dimbleby magazine programme London Town as well as in musicals, variety and, later, drama.

In 1951 when the comedian Bernard Braden moved from radio to television, Jackson directed and produced At Home With The Bradens. In 1951, too, Jackson first met Earnonn Andrews. Together they devised What's My Line? of which Andrews became the regular chairman. Screened live on Sunday evenings, it was an immediate success. In 1956 Jackson launched Call My Bluff, chaired first by Robin Ray and later by Rob-

ert Robinson. After his retirement Jackson did voluntary charity work for Moorfields Eye Hospital, trained television staff in Trinidad on behalf of the Ministry of Overseas Development, and liaised between the National Coal Board and the BBC and ITV on such productions as The Corn Is Green and How Green Was My Valley.

His three children inherited his and his wife's showbusiness talents. Their only daughter, Ceri, is an actress, Paul is a producer in commercial television and Sean plays Spanish guitar but works in catering.

ARTHUR CALDER-MARSHALL

Arthur Calder-Marshall, novelist, biographer and memoirist died on April 17 aged 83. He was born at Wallington, Surrey, on August 19, 1908. ARTHUR Calder-Marshall

was an unusual and exemplary man and writer, whose best novels, although quite widely known and read, never re-ceived their full critical due. Of the five he wrote in the 1930s, at least three, About Levy (1933), Dead Centre (1935) and Pie in the Sky (1937), will surely be reissued and reappraised for their technical mastery and originality, At Sea (1934), a kind of morality tale of two lovers on their honeymoon drifting in a boat, is in its way just as remarkable. His books for children, especially The Fair to Middling (1959), were outstanding and much enjoyed, as were his biographies and social commentaries. But as he himself wrote: "I have never written two books on the same subject or with the same object". The course he took, as he put it, was "tortuous" and may have appeared contradictory to others".

In his lifetime he never found his critic; but perhaps this will now change, for there was nothing he deserved more. He wrote only one poor published book, the novel Occasion of Glory (1955), set in Mexico, a. for him, unsophisticated experimental portrayal of "an Indian who might be Jesus". But even this book provides an impressive illustration of what was most important to him.

He was unusual not only for his obstinate originality but also, and perhaps mainly, for his Christian principles. There was nothing at all "old fashioned" about the latter: on the contrary, to those who hardly knew him he could seem to be too cynical and worldly wise. But this was just his finely developed sense of reality. Beneath a usually fairly urbane surface, he was a man always shocked at the modern world and its various crass dishonesties, and he tried to distance himself from his powerful and plain emo-

tional reactions to these.

Only in Occasion of Glory



did he let the mask slip; he never allowed it to do so again. But, failure though it is in literary terms, the novel offers an important clue to his being. In all his other books, particular his non-fiction, his sense of humour is well to the fore. He was fascinated as well as horrified by evil, and his approach to it was peculiar to him and often particularly delightful.

In his fiction Arthur Calder-Marshall exposed moral enormities by a technique of objectification. In About Levy, Levy himself appears only in the responses which his trial for murder sets up in various people. Calder-Marshall's fictional masterpiece. Dead Centre, is divided into 67 first-person sections, leaving the reader to draw his or her own conclusions about the minor public school system they describe. Its counterpart was the Hogarth Press pamphlet Challenge to Schools: A Pamphlet on Public School Education (1935).

Arthur Calder-Marshall's father (also called Arthur) was a consultant engineer whose work took him frequently abroad. The family lived in a number of different places and it was not until Calder-Marshall junior was 15 that he settled down, in the market town of Steyning, Sussex. Arthur and his brother went to St Paul's School, London, living in their father's Bloomsbury flat in the week and spending the rest of their time at Steyning. Calder-Marshall relates in

his often-hilarious autobiography. The Magic of My Youth (1951), how in Steyning he became friendly with "Vickybird". Victor Neuburg, the decadent poet who was supposed to have been changed into a zebra by the "Great Beast", the black magician Aleister Crowley, but who in any case certainly published Dylan Thomas's first poems in the Sunday Referee. Later, at Hertford College, Oxford, Calder-Mar1937 even tried screenwriting for MGM in Hollywood. After a year in the army he joined the films division of the Ministry of Information - his years there he described in The Watershed (1947). After the war he remained active as a journalist and broadcaster until his 70th year, when he published

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ed Writings of Tobias Smol-

lett (1950), the Bodley Head

Jack London (1963-66) - he

had written London's biogra-

phy for children - and The Lone Wolf (1961). Notable amongst his post-war books were his biogra-phy, Havelock Ellis (1959), a wise, witty and compassionate exercise which was superseded only because much more information later became available, and Wish you Were Here (1966), about the creator of the vulgar seaside

postcard, Donald McGill.

Rupert Hart-Davis, called

by many unhappy older authors "the last publisher who understood books", and one who, from his early days at Cape, had appreciated Calder-Marshall, had published his extraordinary No Earthly Command in 1957. He was the only writer who might have been expected to write the strange story of Admiral the Reverend Alexander Riall Woodham Woods, who during the Battle of Jutland. "received an interposed message telling him to serve God". These classic books and others, deserve to enrich the lists of future publishers engaged in reissuing the best books of

the past. In 1934 Calder-Marshall married Violet Nancy Sales, by whom he had two daughters, one of whom is the actress Anna Calder-Marshall.

April 22 ON THIS DAY

The difficulties that might arise were medicine to be taught in mixed classes were trongly voiced at this meeting of the general council of Edinburgh University.

THE FEMALE MEDICAL STUDENTS

The half-yearly meeting of the General Council of the University of Edinburgh was held on Tuesday, the Lord Justice-General (the Chancellor) presiding.
Professor Masson moved:

That, as the present arrangements for the medical instruction of women in the University impose great and unnecessary inconveniences on the women who are students and also on Professors, and may, if continued, even nullify the resolution of the University admitting women to the study of medicine, the General Counall recommend to the University Court that women desiring to study medicine be admitte to the medical classes as other students are, and, on the same terms, except in cases where the Court may see special reasons why the instruction should be separate."

In supporting the motion.

Professor Masson said that at the present moment the lady students were subject to great and unnecessary inconveniences. In the first place, they were subjected to great extra expense. In one of the classes they had attended, they were admitted on payment of the ordinary fees; but in another, five ladies had to pay 501. among them - a much larger sum than had to be paid by five found that they could not receive instruction in anatomy. that arrangements could not be made for that absolutely essential instruction, including the hire of rooms, and so on, at less than 100 guineas, if even

for that, among the five.

1870 Another inconvenience was that under the present arrangethat under the present arrangement ladies were subjected to the disagreeable labour of canvassing Professors in order to get instruction at all. Was that right? Was there any objection intrinsically to the proposal of mixed classes? He saw really none. Did not men and women go to church together? (Laughter.)

Professor Laycock moved as an amendment that Professor

an amendment that Professor Masson's motion not be adopted. He said that Dr. Masson conceived that there would be no difficulty in women having instruction in any of the classes of medicine. and asked if they did not get instruction along with men when they went to church. But he (Dr. Laycock) would ask whether, when they went to church, they heard discussions on questions which excited the imagination they could not chasten, questions which Professors, addressing men, were obliged to treat with great seriousness, and with great reticence. (Hear, hear.)

It was said that male and female students sat together in Paris class-rooms, and persons who had been present reported that they had seen nothing objectionable. It occurred to him to ask, What did they expect to see? (A laugh.) The danger was not in the acts performed in the class-room, but in the thoughts that might be excited there.

Should they educate women in medical knowledge which they could prosecute when they were basely inclined? ("Oh, oh.") The ladies now attending the University had come with the purest motives: but how were they to ascertain when a Magdalene came to their classes? Should they be allowed to inquire into the characters of any women presenting themselves? One could say things to men separately, or to women separately, which one could not say to them when they were

together.
On a division, Professor Lavcock's amendment was carried by 58 to 47.

By John O'Leary Education correspondent

BRITAIN'S biggest teaching union yesterday demanded a 20 per cent pay increase and held out the threat of strikes to back its claim.

The National Union of Teachers is aiming to raise the salaries by more than a third over three years through the abolition of a new pay review body and the restoration of negotiating rights. Teachers received a 7.5 per

cent pay rise this month, but delegates to the union's annual conference in Blackpool argued that another 35 per cent was needed to regain ground lost compared with other white-collar workers since 1974. The union wants a flat-rate increase to benefit those on the lowest grades. Senior classroom teachers would earn up to £25,000 if the claim were met in full and minimum salaries would rise to £14,000.

The pay policy, which was adopted, restated the union's opposition to performancerelated pay and criticised the other five teaching unions for accepting pay review. Doug McAvoy, the general secre-tary, said that the executive would test the views of its members before deciding what form of action was appropriate. Jerry Glazier, for the executive, said that the union leadership was pre-pared to sanction industrial action, but would have to be certain of the backing of

members.
The union is also threatening local strikes against redundancies, but Mr McAvoy ruled out national action on the issue for legal reasons. Ballots will be held in areas where jobs are threatened. Local authority associations have forecast that more than 12,000 teaching jobs will go

In his closing address to the conference, however, Mr McAvoy said that the union would seek progress not by confrontation, but by dialogue. "When the history of education over this period is written, we will either be dismissed and condemned for offering only a King Canute-like posture, or will be recog-nised as using our best endeavours to shape the future of the service to save and protect the children in our care," he said.



Birthday tribute: soldiers of the Royal Horse Artillery, in full ceremonial uniform, firing a 41-gun salute in Hyde Park to mark the Queen's 66th birthday yesterday.

Tories play hunt the Speaker

Senior Conservatives yester-day presented Sir Giles Shaw, MP for Pudsey and a former minister, as the only Tory candidate with any hope of preventing the Speaker-ship of the Commons passing Labour when the new

House meets next Monday. With several Tory MPs already having indicated their support for the idea of Betty Boothroyd, Labour MP for West Bromwich West, becoming the first woman Speaker, soundings were being taken by influential Conservatives to see if there was a consensus for a Tory candidate who could defeat

Miss Boothroyd, a deputy speaker for five years, is fully prepared to put her candidature to the test on Monday in what would be the first contested vote for the Speaker since 1951.

The Tory high command at Westminster, which believes should have the right to nominate the Speaker, knows that the only way it can defeat Miss Boothroyd, who has wide backing on the Labour benches, is by quickly uniting

Conservative MPs are losing hope of finding a "stop Boothroyd" candidate to prevent Labour seizing the Speakership, reports Philip Webster

this week behind one of the five main Tory candidates. Peter Brooke, the former Northern Ireland secretary, Terence Higgins, Paul Chan-non, Dame Janet Fookes or

Other well-placed Conservatives suggested that none of them was likely to beat Miss Boothroyd. They said that the only way to keep the Speakership on the Tory side would be to press the highly popular former Cabinet minister. John Biffen, to run. Friends of Sir Giles, however, are pressing his cause as the only candidate among those known to be interested who could defeat Miss Boothroyd. Dand well-respected and. according to friends, would be the Tory candidate most acceptable to Labour in the event of Miss Boothroyd not

getting the post. Alluding to

his Yorkshire roots, his friends called him the "classless society candidate". Tory sources also suggested that he was well-supported in a "trawl" of Tory MPs conduct-ed before the election.

Experienced Tory MPs predicted last night that there would be no contest unless the Conservatives believed they had a candidate who would defeat Miss Boothroyd. If the soundings result in no strong coasensus for one candidate, Miss Booth-royd will get the job unopposed, they suggested.



classless candidate

Mujahidin get stark warning

mander Masood, a Tajik, is not nearly so militarily strong as the northern coalition, but has captured international attention because he is the more

politically orientated.
Gulbuddin Hekmatyar,
the leader of Hezbi-i-Islami, a
fundamentalist Mujahidin group, has massed forces to the south of the city. General Dostum's men, who control Kabul airport and could plainly walk into the city any time they choose, have built a security ring around the capi-tal that almost certainly cannot be penetrated in a frontal

But Mr Hekmatyar is heav-ily armed with American-supplied missiles and long-range artillery that could devastate the city. Also, his men are teaming up with elements of Khad, the notorious secret police, which will clearly provide opportunities for internal sabotage.

Surrender terms, page 9

Most parts will nave a dry morning with some sun. Northern Ireland will be cloudy with showers but brighter later. Other western areas will become cloudy with rain in the afternoon. Cloud and rain will spread into central England by evening and to most

bright spells followed by rain mainly in the North and West.

Gould team seeks to heal party rifts

Command from page I the Commons, is being backed by the far left Cam-paign Group, and will run alongside Ken Livingstone, who is standing for the lead-ership against Mr Smith and Mr Gould. There must serious doubt, however, over whether he will be able to get the backing of 55 Labour MPs needed for his

Among Labour MPs Mr Gould is seen as having a stronger chance for the depu-ty's post than the leadership, for which Mr Smith remains the hot favourite.

Mr Gould's team said yea terday that suggestions that Mr Smith would not be able work with him were "unfortu-nate". They said that it would store up problems for the future if the electoral college did choose Mr Gould for the deputy post and hand a pro-paganda gift to the Tories. The Gould camp lelt Mr Smith's supporters had been

'unnecessarily prickly' over the decision to raise taxation policy. Earlier John Prescott,

Most parts will have a dry

another deputy leadership contender, called on candi-dates to "cool it." He was responding to Mr Smith's challenge to critics of his taxation policy to say what items of public spending they would have abandoned if Labour

had been returned to power. Mr Prescott had said that although he welcomed robust debate, it should not be such that it damaged the party. Mr Grant said yesterday: The main reason I am running is to give a choice to party members on issues like

anti-racism, equality, cancel-lation of Third World debi and links with the trade unions." He and Mr Livingstone are fighting on a cam-paign of opposition to pacts, withdrawal from the European exchange rate mechanism, scrapping nuclear Lords and equality for women. "We intend to put some real fire into this campaign," Mr Grant said.

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Killer executed as reprieve moves fail

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The order for the cyanide capsules to be dropped into the vats which create the fatal fumes came at 6 07am. A guard slowly lowered the lever, releasing the cheeseclothwrapped cyanide pellets into the acid, which creates the

lethal gas.
Christina Crystal, of UPI, said: "It wasn't as hard to watch as I thought it would be the second time around. He seemed to lose consciousness after about one-and-half minutes." She, and other wit-nesses, said he looked a very different and more solemn Robert Harris than four

At 6.05am. witnesses say he began breathing deeply, and staring straight ahead, attempting to mouth the words "it's ail right" and "I'm sorry." He officially died at exactly 6.21am.

Douglas Wade, of local KSDO radio, said: "He seemed to be making a great effort to die with dignity. He was trying very hard not to give pleasure to the families of his victims by allowing them to see him suffer."

Jerry Wilcox, of San Francisco's KCBS radio, said: "It seemed a peaceful enough sort of death . . . He knew this time this was it."

Linda Joyce, of local TV station, KICU, said: "It all felt very surreal — it felt as if it was miles away. The impact hasn't hit me.'

As is traditional at executions in North America, the condemned are allowed to have the last word. Immediately after he was pronounced dead, San Quentin Prison warden Daniel Vasquez publicly announced the final words which Harris had chosen to be remem-

bered by. Appropriately from the well known Hollywood movie, Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure. Harris's last words were: "You can be a king or a street sweeper. But everybody dances with the grim reaper.

Harris's execution is ex-pected to result in regular death penalties in California, the nation's most populous state, which has 328 inmates on Death Row, the second largest number in America after Texas, which has just under 350.

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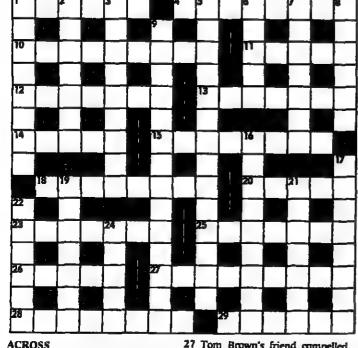
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,899



- I Leather horse's head found in compound (6).
- 4 Well-heeled worker installed fine 10 See Cassio dancing to this tune
- 11 Square house with quarters for the people yonder (5).

 12 English archbishop in Maine causing confusion (7).
- 13 Spiny little animal can hide in jungle (7). 14 Order last two characters to leave for a short break (5).
- 15 This one man disrupted these 18 Malefactor's aim to disrupt proposal (8).
- 20 Had accident when carrying keys to Russian cottage (5). 23 Gumm's literary anthology? (7). 25 Striker in court making a
- commotion, we hear (7). 26 Feature to note in a deep ravine

Solution to Puzzle No 18,898



27 Tom Brown's friend compelled to describe a journey from Rugby to Cambridge (9). 28 One's seen in procession in the

animal park (8). Change of direction at end of dangerous river (6).

1 Old clergyman upset church, including leaders of Mothers' Union, excessively (4-4).

2 Cowl on chimney is rowdy (7). 3 Withdraw from combat and slip 5 At liberty to introduce an award, say, in commercial competition

(4,10). 6 Security device used in cathedral at Chichester (5).

7 Beginnings of relief raised to support former soldiers (7).

8 Old Greek scholar residing in the north (6).

9 Liberal president noted head's similar disposition (4-10). 16 The physician can be healed! (9). 17 Perry encompassed Mark's over-throw, the old beast! (8).

19 He ensures his footwear is fitting for the Arabs (7). 21 Fashion designing unacceptable in the parish priest's domain (7).

22 Container for a type of food prepared in layers (3-3). A governor of the present era is further advanced (5).

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 45 per cent of the competitors at the 1992 Leeds

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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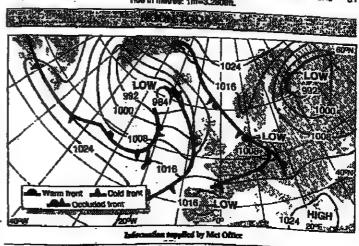
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FAILURES RISE

The number of company failures rose by a third in the first quarter. according to a review by KPMG Peat Marwick Page 17

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Executives of Nucor, the American steel company. are visiting Ravenscraig. but their interest may come to nothing Page 17

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Shares in Vodafone leapt 60p in the wake of the Tory victory but prospects for the mobile relephone industry are uncertain Tempus, page 18

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Names suffer in deadlock on Outhwaite cash

HUNDREDS of Lloyd's names are facing new financial difficulties as a result of the continuing deadlock over the payment of the Ello million settlement of the Outhwaite court case.

The funds were paid to Richards Butler, the solicitor acting for the names, on the agreed date of April 8. How-ever, a last minute legal threat from Lloyd's has prevented the firm paying out to names with unpaid losses on other syndicates. Lloyd's wants the Outhwaite settlement monies to be used to pay any unpaid cash calls before being paid to the names.

The settlement between 987 names on the loss-making Outhwaite syndicate and Lloyd's underwriters was an-nounced in February after a four-month court case. The names were suing for negligence over asbestos-related losses of more than £200 million dating back to 1982. Richards Butler has been

told that it can pay out direct to names with no outstanding liabilites and whose members' agents have given the go ahead. However, up to 500 names must wait until at least early next month when Richards Butler will attempt to win a ruling in the Commercial Court that the names are entitled to the money. Interest on the £116 million is clock-

BY NEIL BENNETT

OLYMPIA & York, the trou-

bled Canadian property

group, is asking City bankers

for emergency finance by the

end of the week to help relieve

its growing liquidity squeeze.
Steve Miller, a key adviser
to O&Y who is leading the
\$12 billion debt restructur-

ing, is holding meetings with

key British banks, including

Barclays and Lloyds, to try to

organise a new loan. O&Y needs £110 million to

fund the Canary Wharf dev-

elopment in London's Dock-

lands for three months while

it draws up details of the

Bankers, however, are

angry at the limited financial

information offered by the company. They are refusing to agree a new loan unless Mr

Miller, who flew to London

from Toronto, and his col-

leagues produce a long-term recovery plan. "We are not

or get further into this thing without seeing how it is all going to end," one said.
"O&Y must come up with going to write blank cheques

longer view than just saying it

The group's call for more

cash comes less than a month

needs this payment.

restructuring.

ing up at more than £30,000 a day and, according to Richards Butler will be held "for the benefit of whoever is entitled to the money".

Names contacted by The Times said that they were unable to pay lawyers fees and were in breach of commitments given to banks as a result of the non-payment of

Lord Alexander of Tunis, one of the Outhwaite litigants, said he was waiting for payment of his £86,000 share of the settlement. Countless names were now unable to pay out on other financial obligations as a result of the delay in receiving cheques from Richards Butler he said. Christopher Stockwell, a

member of the committee of

the Outhwaite 1982 Names Association, said: "Lloyd's in-tervention in the affair has been disgreceful." Names are upset that Lloyd's encouraged a settlement of the court action and only at the last minute moved to block the settlement payments. Some are also critical of Richards Butler's role and accused the firm of having "slipped up" in not negotiating a totally bind-

ing contract. In a letter to the Outhwaite names posted before Easter, Richards Butler wrote: "We conclude by expressing our regret that these problems only arose at a very late stage and that we were unable to

Troubled O&Y seeks £110m

from angry City bankers

after Barciays and Lipyds ar-

ranged a £54 million syndi-

cated loan to fund Canary

Sources close to O&Y con-

firmed that the group needs

to start drawing on a new loan by the end of the month.

O&Y is also asking for a C\$75

million (E37 million) loan to

fund its Canadian opera-

tions, and hopes to complete

Michael Dennis, the head

of O&Y's British operations,

has flown to Brunei to try to

sell a 50 per cent stake in the

Canary Wharf Tower to a

consortium of investors. The

disposal, if successful, could

raise up to £250 million, ease

this within a week.

Wharf.

resolve them before 8th April." Lloyd's has said that it regards its blocking of payments to names as "right and proper" and the fairest treatment for names who had met their obligations.

Most of the names worst affected by the hold up in the payment are members of the LMX spiral syndicates, and face huge cash calls.

Many of the names are expecting to lose their Lloyd's deposits this week after last week's failure of an action led by Michael Freeman, the lawyer, to win an injunction preventing Lloyd's from seizing their assets.

Members of the committee

of the Gooda Walker Action Group, which represents about 3,000 names, were yesterday locked in meetings to consider further last-minute

legal action to block Lloyd's. However, Barry Marshall of Bankside members' agency, which represents some of the worst hit names, said yesterday that the firm was still considering its next course of action. The firm acts for the 400 names from the collapsed Lime Street agency, which it acquired last year. Average losses for Lime Street names exceed £500,000.

It is estimated that up to 4,000 names face ruin through their participation on the LMX spiral syndicates, which have combined losses of over £700 million.

O&Y's liquidity problems and increase confidence among

company executives and

the group's assets.

bankers about the quality of

The Canary Wharf tower,

Europe's tallest building, is

an ideal candidate for dispos-

al. It is half let, so there would

be an immediate income

stream for any co-owner.

O&Y has already arranged the sale and leaseback of two

other buildings in the Canary

Citicorp, America's largest bank and among those with

the greatest exposure to O&Y.

increased its loan loss reserves

by \$326 million \$3.1 billion

in the first three months of

this year (Philip Robinson

Reserves for losses on con-

sumer loans rose \$78 million

to \$1.2 billion and those on commercial debts by \$248 million to \$1.9 billion. The

bank, says non-performing

assets remained flat at

around \$7.9 billion A \$463

million loss was made on

North American property be-

tween January and March. Net profits, however, almost

doubled from \$93 million to

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\$183 million.

Wharf development.

Blooming prospects: Tony Acton plans to double the number of beds. "There is a huge need," he says

Nikkei falls below 17,000

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOXYO

AMID gloomy forecasts for the Japanese economy from government officials yester day, the Tokyo stock market continued to fall and closed below the 17,000 mark, a level that had been considered as the bottom end of the

The Nikkei 225 average dropped by 284.03 points to close at 16,787.33. "With no positive news and most foreign investors absent, the upside was limited, so inves-tors chose to sell," Warren Primhak, of Baring Securi-

ties, said. Traders reported that the weakness in the bond market, the depreciation of the yen, and the prospect of poor corporate earnings for fiscal 1991 had depressed sentiment. Volume was thin, estimated at 250 million shares.

Remarks by Yasushi Mieno, the Bank of Japan governor, yesterday did nothing to dispel the perception that Japan's financial condition is still ailing. The gover-nor said that the economy needs more adjustment and is not yet poised to break out of its downward cycle. Demand is weak and companies are struggling to trim inven-

tories, he said. The central bank's policy of monetary easing, which has involved four cuts in the official discount rate since July, has been aimed at preventing the economy from degenerating into a wholesale recession, he said.

At the beginning of this month, an emergency package of economic rescue measures was announced, with the official discount rate cut 0.75 per cent to 3.75.

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GPA chief could net £21 m in flotation

BY MARTIN WALLED

TONY Ryan, founder and chairman of GPA, the aircraft leasing company, stands to receive a £21 million windfall under proposals put to existing shareholders to assist this summer's planned £1.7 billion stock market flotation. Among resolutions to be

put to an extraordinary meeting on May 12 is one to convert the company's nine million A shares, all held by Mr Ryan, into ordinary shares ahead of the float. The A shares pay a special dividend linked to profits, and GPA has decided that Mr Ryan, aiready one of Ireland's richest men, must be compensated for the loss of

this income. Sir John Harvey-Jones, deputy chairman, has asked Schröders, the merchant

bank, which is an adviser to

the British end of the float, to assess the amount of compensation. Schroders' valuation is based on forward profit estimates. A sum of \$36.8 million has been agreed be-tween the bank and the remuneration committee, led by

Mr Ryan also owns almost 10 per cent of the company. but has pledged not to sell any of this holding during or after GPA and its advisers are

trying to counter criticism of the flotation plans from existing shareholders and potential institutional investors.

The group has denied reports that Japanese investors who bought in at higher levels than the estimated \$25 the shares would fetch in the float are angry and could block the

Healthy growth at Greenacre

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

GREENACRE, which open ates nursing and residential care homes, unveiled a 70.5 per cent profits jump, along with plans to double the number of beds this year.

Pre-tax profits at the USMquoted group surged to E913.160 in the year to January 31, up from £535,521 last time. Turnover, boosted by acquisition, advanced to £3.03 million (£2.18 million).

The number of creased from three to seven. Tony Acton, chairman, said: 'There is a huge need." The group has £4 million to spend on acquisitions and development and hopes to add 360 beds this year.

The final dividend is maintained at 0.125p, giving 0.25p for the year (0.225p). The shares advanced 2p to

Euro Disney analysts not amused

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

EURO Disney's share price has had as many bumps as one of its roller coasters in the past month, as financial markets take fright at the prospect that the theme park outside Paris could prove a damp squib after all.

Analysts in London believe ttendance rates have been disappointing. This disappointment has been reflected in the share price, which has fallen 21 per cent over the last month amid concerns that Europeans might turn up their noses at Europe's largest leisure project. The shares fell yesterday, closing

20p lower at £13.15. Simon Woodcock, Euro Disney analyst for Nikko Europe, the securities house, said the general feeling so far had been one of disappointment, especially about attendance figures and the length of queues. The response from Euro Disney was that "we never communicate atten-



Miller: in London

A bumpy ride in Paris dance figures". As a result,

financial analysts are left with only anecdotal evidence. This is not encouraging. Another disgruntled analyst told the story of a day out at Euro Disney. He arrived at the gate, after his Parisian taxi driver got lost twice on

way from the airport. "I had a little rucksack, with a camera and a few lenses. The security guard asked me: "Do you mind if we search your bags?" I said: "Not at all, are you looking for bombs?" He said: "No, I am searching for sandwiches." Unaccustomed to being ac-

cused of carrying sandwiches in his rucksack and daunted by the prospect that the guards perform tens of thousands of rucksack searches every day, the man from the - upon whose recommendations millions may be invested - spent the rest of the day having a thoroughly bad time. He queued for 35 minutes for a Mexican takeaway, at which point the idea of taking one's own sandwiches suddenly made sense. He later queued for 55 minutes for one of the key roller coasters. The ride took

five minutes. His tale might or might not be typical but it reflects a concern that Euro Disney

might fail to meet its target of 11 million visitors a year and that potential visitors might stay away. Such talk is dismissed at

Euro Disney. A spokesman said he would rather have long queues than nobody at the turnstiles, insisting attendances were good, especially from Britain, Germany and Italy. He admitted there were not too many Parisians, but Parisians had been told by their government to wait a little to avoid traffic chaos. Still Euro Disney has not

been able to convince the markets that it has all been worthwhile. Ten days after the opening, one of the few people who can take comfort must be the French news magazine columnist who called on his fellow countrymen to burn the place down. Who knows, the free market might, after all, prove to be a more powerful weapon against the alleged intrusion of American "culture" than arson could ever be.





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By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

BANKERS Trust, the American bank, yesterday confirmed that it and nine other banks are suing Arthur Andersen, the accountant, for negligence over the management buyout of Magnet, the kitchen and bathroom retail-

In a withering attack on the banks, Roy Chapman, Andersen's managing partner, dismissed the action as bordering on fantasy and said the losses should be borne by the lenders.

A spokesman for Bankers Trust said a writ had been issued against Andersen last week claiming damages for negligence and breach of con-

The £629 million Magnet buyout was one of the worsttimed financial transactions in the eighties. It was completed as Britain's economy was starting to turn down and ran into financial trouble almost immediately. The banks have since been forced to refinance the company sev-

Bankers Trust was the lead bank in the buyout. Others in the action are thought to include Standard Chartered, Lloyds, Hill Samuel and Bank of Scotland.

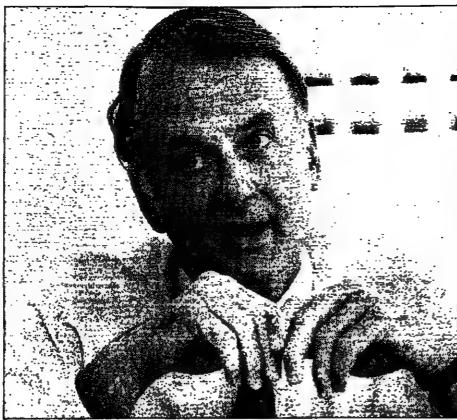
claim borders on fantasy and we shall resist it strongly." Mr Chapman said. "The villains of this piece are not the accountants but those who were falling over themselves to finance the deal."

Andersen's work had in-cluded neither audit nor due diligence. Institutions that had lost money in a high-risk venture were turning to accountants for restitution on

the "deep pocket theory".
"We do not intend to re treat in the face of intimidation," Mr Chapman said. "Any losses from the buyout transaction must be borne by those responsible for them."

Part of the action will turn on Andersen's role in the buyout. Andersen yesterday said it had acted for the buyout team in the negotiations and prepared financial reports for them. Bankers Trust, however, claimed that Andersen had been retained by the banks as an investigative accountant.

Both Andersen and Bankers Trust are already defendants in an action launched by GE Capital Corporate FInance Group, another inves-tor in the Magnet buyout, which issued writs against



Cash on his mind: Sir Alastair Morton awaits the right time to ask again

Hanson 'not pushed' into change

BY MARTIN WALLER

HANSON, the industrial conglomerate, has denied that pressure from institutional shareholders prompted the appointment of a chief executive - the first in the company's history.

Derek Bonham has been

named as the man who will take much of the day-to-day running of the group off the shoulders of Lord Hanson. the chairman. Lord Hanson retains control over strategic planning.

The company has made it clear that Mr Bonham is not

successor on Lord Hanson's ready done that. As far as he knew, however, no Hanson shareholder had pressed for retirement. Sir Christopher Harding, chairman of the the appointment of a chief executive. There have been remittee, said: "A decision regarding the appointment of ports that some institutions Lord Hanson's nucessor will favoured a change at Hanbe made by the board nearer the time of his retirement in

"This is the way we think the business should be run, and we think it's appropriate 1997." Martin Taylor, a Hanson vice-chairman, said the company was aware that to do it now," Mr Taylor said. institutional opinion increas-Hanson has replaced Mr ingly favoured splitting the roles of chairman and chief Bonham as group finance di-rector with William Landuyt. formerly chief financial of-ficer of Hanson Industries, executive in large groups. About half of Britain's 100

Eurotunnel plays down talk of cash call

By MARTIN WALLER

EUROTUNNEL has played down suggestions that it will announce a further rights issue together with 1991 results on Friday. But it is thought that shareholders will be warned that new funds could be needed eventually. A spokeswoman suggested that predictions of a cash call should not be relied upon. Instead it is likely that the Alastair Morton, chief executive, will be accompanied by a detailed project review and a progress report of the negotitions with the contractors.

In addition, Eurotunnel is thought likely to indicate that it will have to tap shareholders for more money, but that this will probably not be necessary until the tunnel has opened in late 1993. It is expected that the project's bankers will insist on some of the burden being carried by

Eurotunnel has a two-year window between tunnel open-ing and the period of maximum indebtedness when it can go to the stock market with detailed traffic figures to ask for further cash.

The market believes that the size of any settlement with the contractors and lost revenue from the delayed opening have narrowed the margin between the eventual cost of the £8 billion-plus project and the £8.9 billion funding raised so far. Europunnel said in February that sufficient complete

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Venture Plant shares halted for takeover

SHARES in Venture Plant were suspended on the Unlisted Securities Market yesterday at 8 12p ahead of a "substantial acquisition" that is hoped will transform the ailing plant hire group's fortunes. It is believed that Venture will buy a materials handling business linked to the mining industry

At its suspension price, Venture is worth £2.3 million, so any deal would effectively be a reverse takeover engineered by Richard Cameron and Brian Thompson, who moved in joint chief executives last year. Venture floated in 1988 valued at more than E50 million, but within two years was reporting losses and cutting dividends and the shares began the shump from their high of 118p. In December, the group reported halfway losses of £5.15 million and said the support of its bankers depended on rationalisation.

Ransomes pays out

RANSOMES, the lawn mower group, will pay the next instalment on its convertible preference shares on April 30. In March, the group reported 1991 pre-tax losses of £4.5 million, compared with a £9.1 million profit the previous year. The final dividend, like the interim, was passed and it was doubtful whether dividends on convertible preference shares would be paid. The company said results and order intake so far this year gave it sufficient confidence to pay the preference dividend. The ordinary shares rose 4p to 28p.

Avonmore expands

AVONMORE Foods, the Irish dairy and foods group, is AVONMORE Foods, the Irish dairy and foods group, is expanding its meat division with the acquisition of the meat processing plants of UMP Group from the receiver for iriss. S million (£5 million). Avonmore, which has a strong position in pigmeat processing in Ireland and pigmeat and sheepmeat processing in the United Kingdom, is buying UMP's operations at Ballyhaunis, Co Mayo, Ballaghadereen, Co Roscommon, Camolin, Co Wexford and Sligo, Avonmore plants to develop the plants. and Sligo. Avonmore plans to develop the plants.

Skandia sticks to offer

SKANDIA, the Swedish insurer, said it had no plans to raise its bid for Denmark's Hafnia despite protests from Hafnia shareholders that the bid was too low. "Skandia has put forth a realistic bid and I think it will remain," said Gosta Stenberg, a Skandia spokesman. He added Skandia executives would meet Hafnia shareholder representatives soon. Skandia has offered nine of its shares for every four Hafnia A shares or every five B shares. Some Danish institutional holders of Hafnia shares have opposed the deal.

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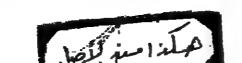
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Receiverships soar 31% to record

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE number of companies that went into receivership rose 31 per cent to a record 1,362 in the first quarter of the year, according to a survey by KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant.

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Last year, the number of receiverships levelled off at 1,000 per quarter, but the situation has worsened again. In previous recessions, receivership numbers have risen as the economy has started

to recover. Tim Hayward, head of Peat Marwick's corporate recovery division, said, however, that these figures were the result of the continuing downturn rather than recovery. He hoped the Conservative election victory would stimulate retail spending and industrial expansion. "I do not have a well-polished crystal ball so the indications of an upturn in the

last few days could be a blip or the start of a sustained upturn." he said. "Things are grim but I think businesses have been holding off their investment plans because of the election uncertainty. A lot of these plans are now being released."

Peat Marwick's figures also show how the effects of recession have spread throughout Britain. The highest increase land, which has so far weath-

Time marches back to show a profit

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

TIME Warner, the world's is due to begin broadcasting largest entertainment company, inched back into the black for the first three months of this year.

Music, cable television and a cut in interest payments on its \$8.7 billion debts lifted the company out of the red.

Time Warner Is attempting to establish a beachhead in Britain by linking with a consortium to bid for Channel 5. It already has a 35 per cent interest in Classic FM, which

this autumn.

Analysts were told yesterday that prospects for the group continue to look good. For the first quarter, it made a \$3 million profit on

turnover of \$3 billion, compared with a \$50 million loss on a \$2.8 billion turnover for the same period a year ago. Films benefited from JFK, which the studio says has grossed \$160 million world-

ered the worst effects of the economic downturn. The number of companies going into receivership there rose to 71, up 122 per cent on a year

ago.
The brunt of the damage however, is still being borne by southeast England, where 721 companies went into receivership, a third higher than in the first quarter of last year. Receiverships fell slightly in Wales and southwest

Pear Marwick's figures also showed a sharp rise in receiv-erships in the service industries, including retailing and and hotels. The proportion of failures from the retailing sector rose from 7.8 per cent to 10.4 per cent, while from hotels and catering companies it reached 7.2 per cent. up from 5.2 per cent. Many of these companies had been relying on a successful Christmas to improve their finances and were forced into receivership when it did not

The financial services industry has also been badly hit Financial businesses accounted for 16.9 per cent of all receiverships, up from 12.6 per cent a year ago. This means the sector has overtaken the contruction industry as the second-largest area for

Manufacturers, however, are still being worst hit and accounted for almost a quarter of all failures, down from 28.7 per cent in the first three months of last year.

'Slim' hope of world trade pact

BY COLIN NARBROUGH SCONDINUES CORRESPONDENT

THE European Community and America have only a "slim" chance of a political breakthrough over the stalled world trade talks when leaders meet in Washington today, according to Anibal Cavaco Silva, the Portuguese prime minister and holder of the rotating Community presidency. Senhor Silva's assess-

ment, made public before be left Lisbon for America yesterday, was consistent with comments from both sides of the Atlantic intended to dampen hopes that the mini-summit would inct fresh impetus into the Uruguay round on liberalised world trade, possi-bly allowing an accord to be initialled by the summer.

Pressure on Brussels and Washington to make a breakthrough in the crucial area of farm subsidies has intensified over the past week, not least because of widespread concern about the damage to confidence, investment and jobs that failure could wreak.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development lent fresh weight to the case for an early deal in a report issued yesterday.

The paper says the partial trade reform foreseen in the draft final act of the Uruguay round would add an annual \$195 billion, or half the income in China to the income in China, to world income. Over \$90 biltion of the extra income would accrue to the developing countries and the for-mer Soviet bloc economies. The study says that failure to reach an agreement poses a threat not only to



Slow going: Carla Hills, US trade representative, spoke of lack of progress mission president, at a two-

hour meeting with Pres-

ident George Bush, said discussions would focus on

effort to save the trade

He stressed that it would

not be the final showdown,

but was a "slim chance" to

give the talks political mo-

be "very hard" to conclude

an agreement by the end of

economic recovery and global equity, but also to peace in the world".

Trade liberalisation is expected to benefit western Europe and Japan more than other regions, the pa-per concludes. If accepted, the draft final act of the Uruguay round would raise national income in these re-gions by about I per cent a year cent by the year 2002. Senhor Cavaco Silva, who will accompany Jacques

A spokesman for M Del-ors also made clear yester-Delors, the European Com-

talks.

day that there was nothing that pointed to the positions of Brussels and Washington coming closer to-

Carla Hills, the American trade representative, earlier meetings for today's session made no progress, even though Community officials are now talking in terms of only a "couple of million tonnes of grain" separating the American

EC reviews brewing merger

The European Commission : to review plans by Allied-Lyons and Carlsberg to merge their British brewing businesses, to see whether they contravene European Community merger rules This £510 million joint

venture is already being investigated by the monopolies commission in Britain.

EIS warning

EIS Group marked its twenty-first year of unbroken growth in profits and dividend with a warning that 1992 will be difficult. Pre-tax profits in 1991 rose from £13.5 million to £14.4 million and the total dividend gues up from 11.4p to 11.7p.
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Ropner falls

Ropner's pre-tax profits slipped 4.7 per cent last year to \$5.27 million. Turnover declined to £14.6 million (£35.4 million). The final dividend is 4.75p, making 3.25p (same).

Amax slumps

Amax, the American metals and energy group, reports first-quarter earnings from operations of \$9.1 million for 1992 (\$80.8 million). Net quarterly profit was \$12.2 million (\$32 million).

Gilts auction

The Bank of England is auctioning Treasury notes worth £2.5 billion next Wednesday, the largest offer since the Bank restarted funding operations last year. The gilts, with a 8.75 per cent coupon.

Doubts increasing over Ravenscraig rescue bid

BY MARTIN WALLER

A TEAM from Nucor, the The executives from Nucor, American steel producer, yesterday started a two-day visit to the doomed steelworks at Ravenscraig, near Glasgow. as doubts mounted over whether a rescue bid would be forthcoming.

Scottish Enterprise, the renamed Scottish Development

which is based in Indiana, would only say they would also visit the Hunterston ore terminal 60 miles away on the west coast, which is used to import the raw materials for Ravenscraig, before leav-

ing on Sunday.
The agency, which took on Agency, which arranged the the job of marketing Raven-visit, refused to comment. scraig to potential buyers

US duties could herald steel war

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

EUROFER, the European Steel Industry Federation, said last week's threat from Washington of anti-dumping duties on the products of spe-cialist EC steelmakers could be the first shot in a transat-

lantic steel trade war. Eurofer says the American industry is preparing 70 steel trade suits against the EC. They concern flat steel products made by all the Community's big steel companies.

The complaint made by Washington last week concerns 100,000 tons of leadcoated steel bars exported to America every year by four specialist steel concerns, including Britain's United Engineering Steels. It has fuelled growing mistrust between Washington and Brussels on trade matters, against the background of the frustrated Gatt talks.

The US International Trade Commission will rule cent. In 1982 and 1984, it on the lead-coated steel bars in May. If it finds they have been unfairly subsidised. United Engineering's products will face 53 per cent antidumping levies and additional 10 per cent countervailing taxes. The big six American steel producers, including not a fair tribunal."

Bethlehem Steel and Inland Steel, that launched last week's complaint, were due to meet their lawyers yesterday to decide a timetable for filing the suits being considered.

The trade commission must decide whether American interests are being unfairly harmed within 45 days of a suit being filed. A decision on anti-dumping duties must be taken within 160 days. The European Commis-

sion is confident that the Community's steelmakers have done nothing wrong, and is prepared to take the issue to a Gatt panel in Geneva.

Eurofer points out that the Community's steel exports to America constitute only 70 per cent of its quota under recently expired voluntary restraint agreements. The market share of EC steel products in America is down to 16 per was nearer 26 per cent.

A Eurofer spokesman said: "Since October 1982, was have strictly followed the quotas laid down by the voluntary restraint agreements. If the trade commission decides there's material injury, it is

once British Steel decided to close it this September at a cost of 1,200 jobs, first contacted Nucor some months ago. Scottish Enterprise is having to walk a fine line between building up hopes that the plant can be saved and being too downbeat — and therefore putting off any other potential purchasers. But it is thought that while

the agency did talk to a num-ber of other steelmakers aroto Ravenscraig have taken place, or are planned.

Nucor has said it will not take on the entire operation and is in any event involved in ing, producing slabs from scrap using an electric furnace. That process, based on German technology imported into America, offers operating costs \$100 a torme lower than in traditional steelmaking methods.

But it is a low-cost, lowquality process, with a limited market. There was doubt in the City yesterday whether there was any advantage to the Americans in taking over any of the plant.
One analyst, who did not

wish to be named, said the Scottish site was too far from the main markets for steel. "You wouldn't really have much of an advantage. You aren't in the centre of things by any means," he said. "I think it will prove to be a damp squib. I don't think people should really build up their hopes that this will save jobs in Ravenscraig, because I think it is inevitable that the plant will close."

The Americans are known to be keen to wrest attractive incentives from the government to move to Ravenscraig as a springboard for European expansion. The eventual resolution is therefore likely to depend on what development grants and assistance can be

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Aran buys in North Sea

Aran Energy, an oil and gas exploration company based million for a one-third stake in an oilfield owned by Chevron. Aran Energy Exploration is buying Chevron UK's \$19 million. to take account 33.33 per cent interest in

North Sea block 211/24A. The purchase includes additional economic benefits Chevron's interest in the to Aran.

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Goobey back in Square Mile

AFTER a year's leave of absence as special adviser to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, Alastair Ross Goobey yesterday rejoined James Capel, resuming his role as the firm's chief investment strategist. Ross Goober, 46. who says he is "looking forward to working with his old

colleagues again, is clearly torn between the political and financial worlds. He was also once a special adviser to Nigel Lawson, when he was Chan-cellor, working for him for more than a year, from April 1986 until the June 1987 election Several years before that, in 1979, he stood as a Conservative candidate for Leicester West. "To have two periods of working in the Treasury as political adviser to two chancellors is an experience given to few people, and I am delighted that both ended with the reelection of a Conservative government," he says. Ross. Goobey, who says that he is now too old to have any political aspirations of his own - "the reason I decided. to go and work for Norman was because no constituency wanted to interview me as a prospective candidate" - reveals that in terms of personal friendship he is closer to Lamont than Lawson. "He is a very nice man and certainly one of the driest members of the cabinet, in political terms. it is a strange—and very unfair—pointes that judges people by their looks rather than their policies." Such is Ross Goobey's dedication that he accounted the Treasury.

that he accepted the Treasury job and, with it, a cut in pay of more than half." Now

SKOCK MARKET

American selling hits drugs sector

trading last night in the unof-

ficial grey market at a premi-

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striking price. This enabled the rest of the market to re-

duce earlier falls of up to Eb at

the longer end to around £ %16

to 558p after the company's

own broker decided to down-grade its profit forecasts for this year and next. Cazenove

has fallen into line with other

City brokers and cut its esti-

mate of pre-tax profits for the current year to £635 million compared with £609 million last time. For the year to March 1993, it is looking for

Brokers such as County

NatWest WoodMac reckon

the restructuring of Cable

and Wireless's premium services operation and the merg-er of its Mercury PCN

(personal communications

network) with that of Unitel is

profits of £750 million.

Cable and Wireless fell 14p

THE pharmaceuticals sector suffered a mauling in the wake of heavy selling of shares in American drugs companies over the weekend on Wall Street.

Dealers said that the markdown of pharmaceuticals shares in London accounted for about half of the market's total fail, which saw the FT-SE 100 index lose 12.8 points at 2.625.8, having been 23 points lower at the opening.

Recent disappointing figures from companies such as Merck, showing a slowing in earnings growth, have upset American investors, who are switching from the traditionally defensive pharmaceuticals area to the more cyclical industries as hopes grow for an economic recovery.

Glaxo was the heaviest traded overnight in New York of UK companies with an American depository re-ceipt facility. Glaxo ended 34p lower at 754p in London. Falls were seen in Smith Mine Beecham A, 39p to 833p, before trading news tomor-row, Medeva, 25p to 254p, and Wellcome, 7p to £11.16.

The rest of the equity market took its lead from the overnight falls in New York and Tokyo with fund managers showing little willingness to chase prices higher as the last week of the three-week account began. There are profits to be taken because of the market's strong showing since the election and this. combined with the short sion of many investors to exCABLE & WIRELESS:

resulted in prices drifting lower. Recent high turnover levels were not sustained and, by the close, only 420 million shares had changed hands.

Gilts were back in vogue and gained a lot of attention in late trading as the government continued its vast fund-

Rank Organisation fell 19p to 739p after giving progress reports to Floure Govern and BZW. House has trimmed its profits forecast for this year by E5 million to E270 million, while BZW is looking for a similar sum, compared with £290 million previously. Some profit-taking was inevitable.

ing programme, revealing details of its latest auction of stock. The £2.5 billion of Treasury, 84 per cent 2116 looks like receiving a warm

The stock was believed to be

company. Eurotunnel made headway with the units climbing 5p to 381p and the warrants a similar sum to 223p after it denied reports that it was ready to ask shareholders for more cash when full-year figures for 1991 are unveiled on Friday.

Talk of another rights issue have been rife since the courts ruled that the company must pay Transmanche Link, the building the tunnel, an extra £50 million a month. But a spokesperson for the company said the estimated costs of the project, including con-

tingencies, were well inside available funding. Midland Bank eased 2p to 360p on turnover of around 2 million shares. But hopes remain high among the speculators that a counter-bid is on the way to challenge the £3.1 billion agreed offer from the

Fisons fell 6p to 378p with the rest of the pharmaceuticals sector. A three-day examination by US Food and Drug Administration officials of the group's production methods will be concluded today. Dealers hope a positive result could see sales of Opticrom resume in America soon.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which already owns 15 per cent of Midland. The rest of the banks closed

a shade easier, where changed, with some investors still worried by their bad debt

exposure to the ailing property market. Barclays lost another 5p at 334p, and Lloyds 2p to 391p, while National Westminster held steady at 319p, as did Royal Bank of Scotland on 172p and Standard Chartered on 468p. Tate & Lyle continued to respond to a buy recom-mendation from Hoare Govett, the broker, advancing on to 427p. Bowater firmed 2p to 798p as the rump of the group's recent £335 million rights issue was sold in the market. Hoare Govett placed the 2.9 million

shares at 788p. Scottish & Newcastle, the drinks and leisure group, was a dull market, falling 8p to 454p. RMC, the building prod-

ucts group, continued to ben-efit from last week's better than expected figures, climb-ing 32p to 667p. Analysts have been busily upgrading their estimate of pre-tax profits for the current year and it now looks as if the shares are enjoying a re-rating. But a shortage of stock has begun to exaggerate the price movements with turnover remaining on the low side. By the close of business only 511,000 shares had changed

Euro Disney suffered another sharp fall but man-aged to close off the bottom with a deficit of 20p at £13.15. Attendance figures in the wake of the opening of its theme park on the outskirts of Paris are reckoned to have fallen short of expectations.

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quished their opening gains trading after reaching 3,342. and then retreated as losses in market. The Dow Jones in-London and Tokyo, rising dustrial average fell 6.31 interest rates and Monday's

30-point fall weighed on the WALL STREET

ished firmer but below the day's highs in cautious trading. The Hang Seng index rose 10.4 points to 5.093.09.

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Hong Kong - Shares fin-

ing. The Hang Seng index rose 10.4 points to 5.093.09.

Prices were generally higher in the morning on local demand for banking and utilities shares, but slipped in the afternoon. Turnover fell to HK\$2.45 billion (£181 million) from Thursday's \$3.17 billion. The broader-based all-ordinaries index finished 9.32 points up at 2,751.56.

Andrew Au, a director at Hoare Govett, said: "Despite Tokyo's fallout and New York's weakness, the market managed to open higher and hold quite firm throughout the day."

I Sydney — Prices closed slightly lower in thin volumes with many investors still on holiday and sentiment depressed by weakness in overseas markets. The all-ordinaries index closed 2 points down at 1.588. Only 56.5 million shares, worth A\$136.4 million (£60 million), were traded.

I Frankfart — The Dax index closed at 1,746.5, down 2.73 points from Thursday.

I Singapore — Shares fell in thin trading despite late bargain-hunting. The Straits Times industrial index ended at 1,402.65, down 10.14 from Monday's close. (Reuter)

Worth hanging on to Vodafone for long distance

JUST how durable are those price rises likely to prove? In the case of Vodatone, the cellular telephone group, some analysis are already arguing the case for selling into strength. Vodafone's shares surged by nearly 60p in the wake of the Tory victory and have ground to a halt just short of 360p.

Before the bounce, they ware trading at their lowest

were trading at their lowest since the market took off in January 1991, fired by the thought that Britain's economic recovery was just around the corner. Since early in 1991, the shares have lagged behind the market badly on the logical perception that recession is not good for mobile tele-phones, which are still mainly used and paid for by the corporate sector rather

than private individuals. The latest cloud on Vodafone's horizon, as far as professional investors are concerned, is not the immediate growth in profits. which should continue for some time at above market average rates, but the

longer-term perception that cellular tariffs may well come under heavy pressure as competition builds and the regulators examine mar-gins more closely.

Brussels loves nothing regulate and it may well turn its attention to the pan-European digital cellphone system, known as GSM cellular, as it comes into operation.

as Robert Fleming have highlighted the excess capacity now in evidence by the two British analogue cellphone companies, Voda-fone and Cellnet. Throw in competition from the new tion networks) systems and price competition is no longer an unlikely threat to long-term growth in carn-

Perhaps not in the short run. But, before selling, doubters should remember what every economics text-book tells us, the cheaper prices become, the greater the long-run demand.

EIS Group

EIS Group, the specialist engineer where Peter Haslehurst is chief executive, could be in danger of crying wolf with its warning to shareholders that 1992 will be difficult. After all, last year was the twenty-first its and dividends — and was achieved when the winds of recession blew like gales across its markets.

Pre-tax profits rose from £13.5 million to £14.4 million on a turnover of £189.9 million (E177.5 million) and were struck after an un-disclosed, but admittedly expensive, charge against profits concerning a cost over-run on a big contract within the aircraft and pre-cision engineering division. The total dividend rises (8.375p) a share.

Last April's rights issue at 265p a share, which raised £18.3 million, was partly used in buying three more companies, all of which should make a profit contribution this year.

Added to the cash EIS was holding previously and despite the 55 million acquisition spend, the group's kitty is still a respectable \$13 million. There was a \$1.74 million (£1.21 million) resisting interests factors in the 1991 results and there should be another plus when 1992's results are to

Pre-tax profits of between £15.5 million and £16 million should be possible this 394p, up 8p, on 15.1 times prospective earnings. The shares are worth holding shine breaking through the clouds of recession.



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Funding goes well for Bank

emember all those pre-election warnings about a looming fiscal crisis and an exploding public sector borrowing requirement? Investors in the gilt-edged market have apparently forgotten all about them, and they are probably right. Assuming a successful outcome to the £2.5 billion gilts auction announced yesterday by the Bank of England, the authorities will have covered a quarter of the entire financial year's funding requirement before the end of the first

According to Greenwell Montagu estimates published yesterday, the Bank has sold £1.8 billion of "unofficial" gilts in the days since the election, on top of the £2.4 billion worth of official taps and £600 million of calls on previous gilt issues. With another £2.5 billion from next week's auction of 25-year stock, the total funding since April 9 will amount to £7.3 billion. This compares with a 1992-3 funding requirement estimated by Greenwell at £30 billion if the Treasury is right in its PSBR forecast of £28 billion. On top of the PSBR, the £30 billion gilt funding would cover £7.2 billion worth of redemptions due in the present financial year, partly offset by sales of national savings instruments worth

Of course the gilts market is not going to enjoy for long the kind of euphoric conditions that allowed the Bank to get one quarter of the year's funding out of the way in just three weeks. By yesterday afternoon, dealers were showing clear signs of listlessness and there was much talk of an inevitable technical correction. Such a correction, perhaps combined with further bad news from Germany on the money supply or the weekend's strike ballot by public sector workers, could yet create difficulties for next week's auction. In the long term, however, investors at home and abroad are going to be sorely tempted by a yield of almost 9 per cent guaranteed for 25 years by what has suddenly become the most stable government in Europe. The long end of the market is normally considered more risky and unstable than the short end, but the Bank has rightly judged that ultra-long bonds are likely to hold the greatest appeal for investors.

Brinkmanship

lympia & York, the financially stretched and secretive developer of Canary Wharf, is giving its banks a hard time. Underlying the strategy being used to get O&Y through a severe liquidity problem is a well-known inversion of roles in the property world. If you owe the bank £100 and you cannot pay, you have a problem. But if you owe the bank £1 million and you cannot

pay, the bank has a problem. O&Y's banks are between a rock and a hard place. They are unhappy about putting in fresh money without access to all the information they feel they need to make serious judgments on the group's viability, and they are at the same time; fearful about the scale of the damage if they do not. In London, banks are being asked for £100 million to continue funding Canary Wharf, while in Canada. O&Y's home base. \$85 million is

needed for continuing support of operations there. This approach, which leaves the Reichmann family firmly in the driving seat and relegates the bankers to an uncomfortable state of ignorance, cannot last for ever. The bankers need much more information about O&Y's current trading and the asset valuations presented in aggregate last week. Without much more hand-holding from their borrower, the banks may run out of patience before simple banking prudence requires them to refuse further invitations to lend in the dark.

Inchcape sails the seven seas to avoid the ravages of recession

A higher share price is seen as evidence that

the City has faith in Charles Mackay as

chief executive, says Michael Tate

mong the myriad records set last week in the stock market's exuberance over **L**the Conservative election victory, shares in Inchcape breasted 500p for the first time.

As records go, it may not figure in the Don Bradman class, but it brought particular pleasure to a boardroom concerned with how the City would react to the premature handover of control by Sir George

Turnbull to Charles Mackay.

Although the succession had been clearly, and publicly, identified much earlier in 1991, Inchcape had envisaged a longer bedding in period for Mr Mackay than Sir George's health was subsequently to allow. Almost six months after the break, it is virtually impossible to see

All of which says as much about the shape and fitness of the company that Sir George handed over as it does about the qualities of its new

Nearly 300 years have passed since the clippers that were to open up Inchcape's first sea lanes set sail. Arguably, however, Sir George did as much in his six years as chief executive as was achieved in the preceding centuries. Allowing for the sub-division that split each £1 unit into four 25p shares in 1988, the share price has multiplied from

a low of 73p to today's 506p. Since October 1985, this ancient trading company has embarked on a second era of expansion and growth. But do not call it a trading company, least of all, an overseas trader. This is the image Inchcape has desperately tried to throw off since the day Sir George took the helm. In the bland, business-speak beloved of modern-day industrial-ists, incheape prefers to mask its still colourful worldwide car distribution to timber felling activities under the term international marketing and

services group.

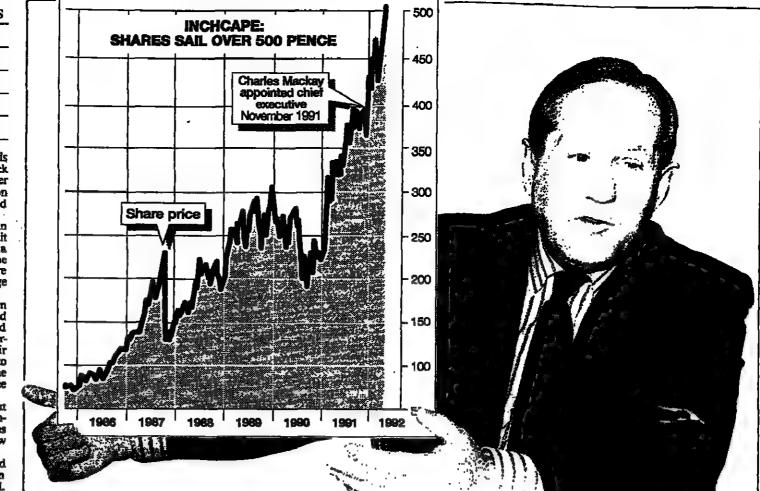
The change of classification was one of three slightly less serious private ambitions outlined by Sir George and a couple of members of his new management team in a lighter moment after his appoint-

ment as chief executive in 1985. Inchcape's adoption as a constituent of the newly formed business services category happened over a year ago, by which time alpha-stock status had been achieved. Membership of the FT-SE 100, which completed the triple, was celebrated last

Today, Inchcape is a £2.6 billion combine, insulated against the worst ravages of recession by an almost unequalled spread of interests around the globe. If anything, the pace of change has picked up since Mr Mackay's appointment,

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Hands-on operation: the fast pace of change at Inchcape continues under Charles Mackay as the shares top 500p

and it was he who launched the group's largest-ever takeover bid in December last year, just a month

after his elevation. The £382 million acquisition of Tozer Kemsley and Millbourn (Holdings), the Daihatsu, Ferrari, Lada and Chrysler distributor in the UK, was financed by Inchcape's first rights issue and completed this year. The size of the group grew by a third, while the motor division dou-

Analysts appreciate that with the advent of Hong Kong's return to the Chinese in 1997,

Inchcape could not have a better man in its hot seat

for Sir George, who was forced to take a back seat at such a key time for a man whose entire business career had been so closely bound to the motor industry. If there is an area where Mr Mackay will need time if he is to emulate Sir George, it is his know-

ledge of the worldwide motor indus-

try, which will now contribute about

.. Importantly, however, the two key

deals - the acquisition of TKM and

60 per cent of Inchcape profits.

the orderly reorganising of Inchcape's distributorship arrangements with Toyota - were in place

before Sir George stepped down. Given the unseemly disputes sparked by the change of policy by Japanese motor manufacturers with regard to their distribution arrangements. Inchcape's deal with Toyota, which came into effect at the beginning of last year, looks far sighted.

Under the terms of the arrangement, Toyota will execute a staged acquisition of 51 per cent of Toyota (GB), currently an Incheape subsidiary, by January 1998. In return, the Japanese have agreed to pay £60 million, guaranteed that Toyota (GB) will keep the UK distribution rights for 18 years, and acquired a friendly, and reassuring, 4.7 per cent stake in Inchcape for about £50

This deal, concluded as work began on Toyota's new UK produc-tion facility in Derbyshire, which is ected to produce 200,000 cars for the European market by the late Nineties, is perceived as vital to

Even Sir George, however, would shrink in horror at the suggestion that Inchcape was primarily a motor distributor with a string of "other activities".

Mr Mackay, who for five years until November, ran the group's Far East operations, is, if anything, more firmly wedded to Inchcape's business streaming strategy. Since lined by the acquisition of Spinney's, the former British & Commonwealth distributor of consumer goods, foodstuffs, and household products in the Middle East for £32.1 million, while last week, the group augmented its inspection and quality assurance interests with a small French acquisition. Incheape continues to trade in more than 60 countries, while the

the new year, this has been under-

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Mackay, earned just short of a third of group profits last year. South East Asia contributed a further 20 per

Analysts have also come to appreclate that with the advent of Hong Kong's return to the Chinese in 1997, inchespe could not have a better man in its hot seat. Hong Kong has been home to Mr Mackay for the past five years, during which he has built up an intimate knowledge of the key players and policies.

not to mention the group's own

activities there. Key to the group's conviction of its ability to survive any turmoil that may accompany the departure of the British is the nature of its business. Unlike other trading hongs, such as Jardine and Hutchison, Inchcape had no fixed assets to speak of in the colony. It owned no property, nor manufacturing interests. As a service company in a worst case scenario, it had comparatively little to lose. Should it be necessary, Inchcape Pacific could be run from Taiwan, say, with minimal disturbance to

day-to-day operations. Inchcape firmly believes this will not be necessary, and that it will have an important role to play in the new era. It would claim to know China better probably than almost any other western company and was the first in recent times to set up trading posts in Vietnam and

Mike Murphy, respected analys at Warburg Securities, the company's house broker, remains very positive. He is looking for pre-tax profits of more than £250 million this year, to produce earnings of up

to 30p a share. This may leave the shares looking high on a short term view - a prospective earnings multiple of almost 17 - but Incheape has entered the nineties with a leap that has taken it from the 19th to the 21st century.

THE TIMES

Goobey back in Square Mile

AFTER a year's leave of absence as special adviser to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, Alastair Ross Goobey yesterday rejoined James Capel, resuming his role as the firm's chief investment strategist. Ross Goobey, 46, who says he is "looking forward" to working with his old colleagues again, is clearly torn between the political and financial worlds. He was also once a special adviser to Nigel Lawson, when he was Chancellor, working for him for more than a year, from April 1986 until the June 1987 election. Several years before that, in 1979, he stood as a Conservative candidate for Leicester West. "To have two periods of working in the Treasury as political adviser to two chancellors is an experience given to few people, and I am delighted that both ended with the reelection of a Conservative government," he says. Ross Goobey, who says that he is now too old to have any political aspirations of his own - "the reason I decided to go and work for Norman was because no constituency wanted to interview me as a prospective candidate" - reveals that in terms of personal friendship he is closer to Lamont than Lawson. "He is a very nice man and certainly one of the driest members of the cabinet, in political terms. It is a strange - and very unfair - politics that judges people by their looks rather



"It's for avoiding

receivership" back into the realm of sixfigure salaries, Ross Goobey admits, "my wife and my bank manager are very

Jobs cheer THE post-election boom is already under way according to recruitment specialist Douglas Llambias Associates. After a drop in advertised job vacancies of 30 per cent in the month before the election, employers are, they claim, now recruiting again with job vacancies up 50 per cent. "Traditionally job vacancies go right down at Easter time, so this is incredibly good news about returning confidence," says a DLA

Hospital millions SELF-GOVERNING hospitals that feared that a Labour government might reverse their independent status have, it seems, been rushing to sign up City fund managers after the Conservatives return to power. David Ed-

ments at broker Henderson Crosthwaite, says that since the election several large hospitals, feeling more confident about their future, have laced funds with him which "run into millions". Hospitals have always had special char-itable funds. What is less well known is that when they become self-governing under the 1990 reforms, they also became eligible to reclaim a portion of those charitable funds, hitherto managed cen-trally by district health au-thorities. Many hospitals, including the Central Middiesex, have already claimed their share, while others like Nottingham City Hospital, which stands to gain charita-ble funds in excess of £2 million from the Nottingham health authority, are still considering whether to take over the management of the funds themselves. Douglas Taylor. finance director of Nottingham City Hospital, says he has already had offers of help from Morgan Grenfell, CS Investment Management,

decision for at least a year. BEFORE the official proceedings started at the Television and Radio Industry Club awards at the Grosvenor House hotel, compere David Frost delighted the audience by announcing an additional, unofficial category. "The best actors of the year award goes to...Ian and Kevin Maxwell...in

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BUSINESS TERM

From the President of the Chartered Association of

Certified Accountants Sir, I believe Stella Fearnley's argument (Accountancy Times, April 9) for the aboli-tion of small company audits is short-sighted and wrong. The case for abolition appears to be that owner-managed corner shop businesses constituted as limited companies do not need to undergo the discipline of a formal statutory audit. The requirement for a statutory audit goes hand in hand with limit-ed liability. To advocate its abolition is an inappropriate and simplistic response to the difficulties facing small busi-

profession. It is undoubtedly true that many such businesses are unsuited to wear the mantle of limited liability and it may be that either an alternative **ESSETHED**

borrowing applications, as they tell them about the health of companies. Large companies use them for assessing financial management, competence and financial stability when consider-

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form of incorporation should be introduced or the costs of disincorporation should be However, those businesses that wish to continue to have limited liability should be bound by the requirement for a statutory audit. Professionally audited accounts are used by the business community in many ways. Banks and other financial institutions rely on them when deciding upon

ing dealership appointments and supply contracts. Tax inspectors are more likely to agree assessments when accounts have been certified by audit firms of standing. Credit rating agencies

Small firms' audits aid business tus reports. The audit is there-fore an aid to small businesses and to the many communities which come into

contact with them - not a bureaucratic restriction. Those who argue for the abolition of small company audits overlook how far the a small company embraces a £2 million turnover limit, a £975,000 asset total and a 50 employee limit. Any redelineation of small companies for auditing purposes would be arbitrary and inconsistent with existing limits. Exemp-

to exemption by virtue of size. Limited liability confers privileges on businesses which choose to trade in this way, but it does impose responsibilities. In return for the protection offered by limited liability status, it is only appropriate that companies

There are no doubt several ways in which the burdens on small businesses can be eased and a recent paper by the Institute of Directors outlined their own manifesto for

to a consistent standard. Yours faithfully

term "small" is already stretched by companies legislation. The legal definition of

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should submit their accounts for a regular audit.

In the current climate, with the audit side of the profession under such focus and questions on fundamental matters being asked, I find it strange that there are people calling for less audit. The need is not to reduce the role or scope of audit but to raise it

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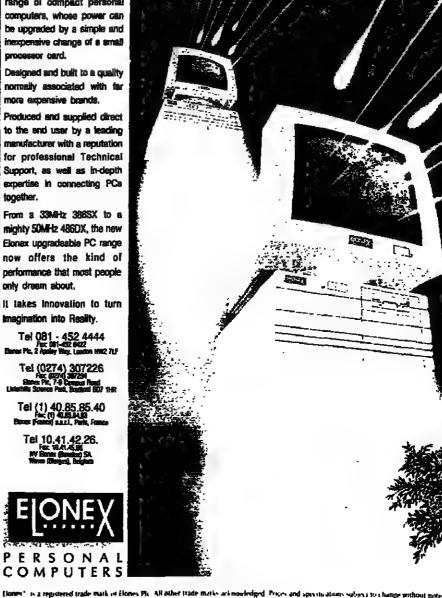
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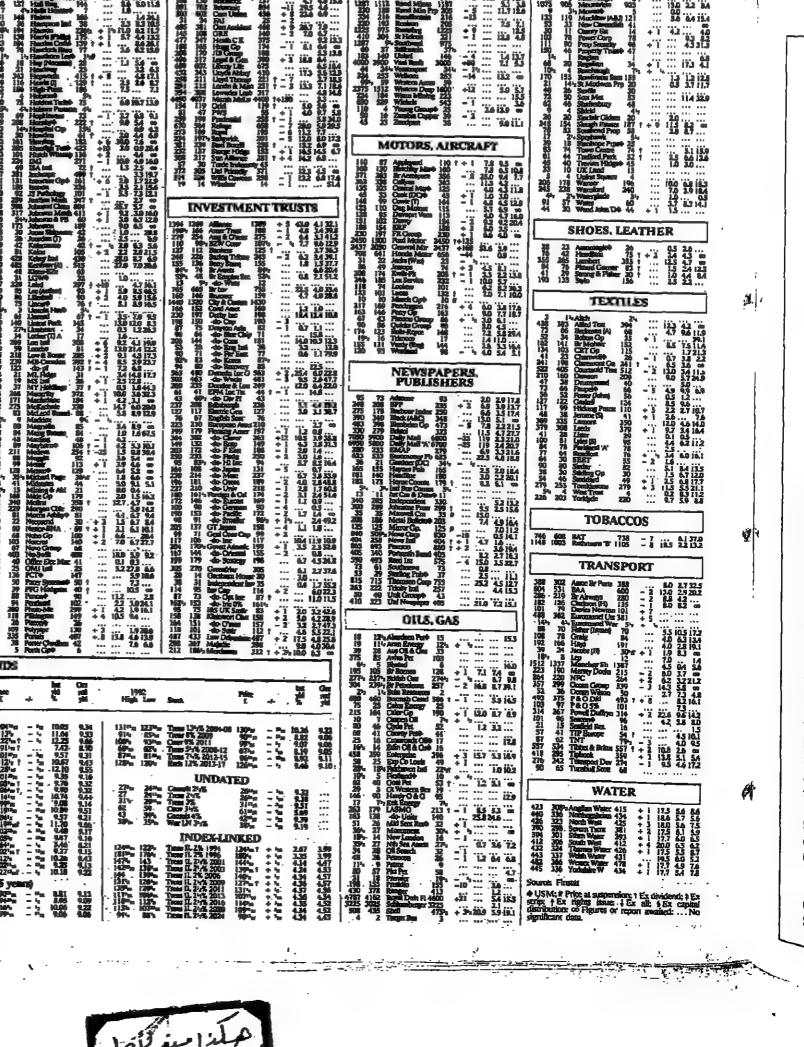
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CHARLOTTE Beers has just finished her first week in one of the toughest jobs in American advertising - reversing the impression that Ogilvy & Mather is in decline.

As chairman and chief executive of O&M. 2 job that pays less than other offers she received, Ms Beers, 56, is the most powerful woman in advertising and among the best paid. Ms Beers, who tripled billings in ten years at a small Chicago agency, was wooed by both WPP and Saatchi & Saatchi before accepting what is believed to be an multimillion-dollar package from Martin Sorrell, whose WPP group owns O&M.

Ms Beers declined to discuss any financial details and said she regarded it as "a true invasion of privacy to be asked. "Here at Ogilvy, we prefer not to discuss those things," she said. "I think it puts the focus in every way on the wrong part. I did not do this for the financial package and I had, on a pure financial

basis, better offers." She replaces Graham Phillips, 53, as head of O&M. Insiders say he has been forced out after a tempestuous three-year relationship with Mr Sorrell since WPP bought the agency in a 1989 hostile takeover. Mr Phillips insists it was his idea to leave

Analysts say that with WPP's pre-tax profits dropping 57 per cent last year to £38.4 million and total debts at almost £600 million, Mr Sorrell is desperate for a quick-fix solution at O&M and expects Ms Beers to provide it.

She has a reputation for gaining and keeping clients. At the Chicago agency of Tatham/RSCG, part of the world's seventh-largest agen-cy, the Paris-based Euro 'RSCG, her key blue chip cli-ent was a \$100 million a year account of Procter & Gamble, which could follow her to

Unilever, a prominent cilent of O&M, is said to have wanted Ms Beers because of



First week in a tough job: Charlotte Beers of O&M.

These included Nutra-Sweet, some Carnation brands and Seagram Coolers. While this was balanced with the gains of Paramount Pictures, Lipton Side Dishes. LA Gear and the corporation that owns the local New York telephone company, industry executives say the growing perception was of rust rather than recovery at O&M.

Wall Street already doubts that one person, however talented, can single-handedly turn O&M around. They say it will depend on whether Mr Sorrell is willing to spend

James Dougherty, an analyst with County Natwest in New York, says people are bound to be disappointed with Ms Beers, because the expectations that surround her are too high.

Alan Gottesman, an analyst with PaineWebber, the stockbroker, said: "On a scale,... stockbroker, said: "On a scale, ... WPP shares are around of one to ten, WPP scores \$2.50, having traded in the seven for operations. But on a financial basis, it doesn't even

Nestié S.A., Cham and Vevey (Switzerland)

The shareholders are hereby invited to the 125th Ordinary General Messing to be held on Thursday, May 21, 1992 at 3.00 p.m.

at the "Palais de Beaulieu" in Lausanne (Switzerland)

Agenda

1. Approval of the 1991 accounts and of the Directors' Report 2. Discharge of the Board of Directors and of the Management

3. Decision on the appropriation of the net profit

4. Statutory elections

packaged goods. O&M lost make the scale. Our position several major clients last year. Is that these shares should be watched from the sidelines."

Industry executives acknowledge that Ms Beers has been highly successful as chief executive of a small. quick-response agency over a period when the advertising industry was booming.

O&M, once one of the best names on New York's Madison Avenue, has layers of bureaucracy and with no clear rebound in the economy it presents a different

challenge.

Ms Beers said: "First I must immerse myself to be able to understand the clients' business, then we need to make the agency more re-sponsive. This is an excellent opportunity, but it's hard to know whether all the outside factors influencing advertising will slow us down or speed up our momentum. We will some of this timing."

past year between \$8.25 and \$1.25.

THE European Commis-sion has ordered Daimler-Benz, the German industrial giant, to repay 33.8 million marks to the German feder-

al government. The commission's investigators found that Daimler-Benz had been sold a site at Potstamer Platz, one of the most symbolic breaching points of the Berlin Wall, in July 1990 by the Berlin local authorities for DM92.9 mil-lion. An independent survey found the site to be worth

DM179.7 million.
The commission has not ordered Daimler-Benz to pay the full difference because it found that the group had also been obliged to buy other sites alongside the Berlin Wall that reduced the overall value of the purchase. The commission's enquiry took a year.

can Airlines, the Belgian pected to approve the new link-up between Sabena, the government and Pierre Belgian carrier, and Air Godfroid, Sabena's chairman, have struck a deal with

France, despite the growing irritation of Sir Leon France that should keep Brittan, the competition Sabena in the skies, at least commissioner, at the amount of public money being ploughed into Europe's ailing airlines.

Last July, after successful for the immediate future. The deal was postponed for several months because of opposition from the Volksunie, the Flemish na-

BRUSSELS NOTEBOOK (**)

lobbying by Karel Van Miert, the Belgian transport tionalist party. which argued that Sabena was being given too francophone a character. Mr Van Miert is sion was persuaded that the Belgian government should be able to pump 9 billion Belgian frames (£150 milexpected to carry the day. because for the commission to agree to one aid on the lion) into Sabena on condicondition that it be followed tion that the airline found a by further assistance from partner to inject a further BFro billion. elsewhere, and then ban that assistance, would be After an extensive search nonsensical

for suitors, including British Airways, KLM and Ameri-Sir Leon, however, may well persuade his 16 col-

leagues that two bridging loans given to Sabena by the Belgian government, for BFr1.5 billion and BFr3 biltion, should be repaid.

Air France is itself under commission scrutiny for a Fir3 billion injection it received, partly through a cross-shareholding deal between Air France and BNP. the state-controlled bank. The commission takes a dim view of cross-shareholdings in the state sector.

Industry experts have come up with a six-point plan to help push high-definition television (HDTV) in the market place, after the commission's decision to invest 850 million ecus (£595 million) in prototype HDTV over the next five years.

The six points in the in-

dustry's plan are: the setting up of a European HDTV channel and a network of

reception sites to show the new technology to the pub-lic; investing 586 million ecus of commission money in programme production and adaptation (one third of the cash) and programmemaking (two thirds of the cash); tax incentives to be provided by member state governments to help the HDTV industry: risk guarantees for those prepared to invest in HDTV: training programmes to teach HDTV skills and public education programmes to make the public aware of the potential of 1,250-line televisions (current sets have 625 lines).

EC governments will look at the proposals in June. The commission funding itself will need unanimous approval in the Council of Ministers and faces stiff opposition from Britain.

TOM WALKER

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PRINTENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

DECIPAEL R. MILKEN, THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON EXHIBIT "A" BELOW, AND THE PARTNERSHIPS, CORPORATIONS, TRUSTS AND OTHER ENTITIES LISTED ON EXHIBIT "H"

Tex All persons or entitles acting in their own capacity, derivatively, or in a representative capacity, directly or indirectly, having actual or potential claims of whatever kind or nature, which have not been asserted prior to February 4, 1992, against say of the persons (the "Individual Defendants") and entities (the "Partnership Defendants") identified in Exhibits "A" and "B" below (collectively, the "Settling Defendants") string, and of activities from January 1, 1978 through December 31, 1991 (the "Global Class Persod") relating to: (1) the business or activities of The Drexel Burnham Lambert Group Inc., cal., Case No., Civ., 90-6954 (MF). Chapter 11 (lass No. 99 B 18421 (FGC), Johnty Administrated (S.D.N.Y.)) (collectively, "Drexel") in the accurities industry as a broker-dealer, underwriter, investment advoor, investment hanker. Guancial advisor, coinstitut, agent or principal with respect to a wide variety of high yield and other related securities including, without finitiation, high yield debt securities, preferred stock, convertible securities, warrants, hybrid accurities and insurance-related products (such as anomalies and guaranteed investment contracts) (collectively, "securities"); (2) the Individual Defendants' employment or activities at or on behalf of December or ant allegad to be gitta yiega); and (3) investments in or purchases or suce of any securities by or for the direct or indirect benefit of the Individual Defendants (the "Global Class"). The claims encompassed within the Global Class do not include any claims that have been asserted in any relating case against the Settling Defendants, or any of these, prior to February 4, 1992 (the "Pending Derecabants' immediate families; any claims by any Settling Defendant or any of the settling, Defendants, special and supplies of the members of any individual Defendants' immediate families; any claims by any Partnership Defendant and any other shaller Derecabants' immediate families on other entity; any claims for criminal or administrative se

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Notice in imming given pursuent to Rule 23 of the Pederal Rules of Civil Procedure and the order of the Honorable Militati Pollinck, Scalar United States District Judge for the Southers District of New York (the "District Court"), issued in the above action (the "Global Class Action") on March 11, 1992, of the gendency of the Global Class Action, of the purposed antifement of the Global Class Action (the "Class Stations of a first District Court treatfrients of a first in the stations of a first propose of descriptions, and of a harring fitter Sentiment Hasting" in the hald for the purpose of descripting whether to appears the Class Settlement as first reasonable and adoption. If you are a member of the Global Class and do not exclude yourself therefore, you have for right to appear and participate as the Sottlement Hasting, which will be held before the District Court in the United States Continues. Policy Square, 40 Courte States, New York, New York, 10007-1581, in Courtenant 1305 at 10:00 a.m. on July 14, 1992.

As part of the Preliminary Approval Order, the District Court has entered a preliminary injunction (i) having and enjoining all prominers of the Global Class who do not request enclasion therefrom from commencing or presecuting my claim that has born or could have been as the Global Class Action pending, the outcome of the Settlement Returning. (ii) having and ordering all metebrars of the Global Class born consumering or premotings any court or forms (federal or state) other than the District Court, may action or protocoling that challenges or seeks review of or talled from any set, decision or calling of the District Court in commercion with the Global Class Action; and (iii) providing that may vocation of 'the foregoing preliminary injunction is passatuable as contempt of Court, in addition to all colors well-also retraction. In addition, all members of the Global Class will be subject to a covening and to use the current and former directors of Desaul desirable in Endals "Court, for Desaul-challed in Behalts" Court, for Desaul-challed in Behalts "Court, for Desaul-challed of the Class Settlement Splusions.

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The holders of bearer shares may obtain their admission card (with a proxy) at the Company's Share Transfer Office in Cham, or order them through a bank, not later than Monday, May 18, 1992, at noon. The cards will be issued either against presentation of a certificate in the name of the shareholder to the effect that the shares have been deposited with a bank, or after the shares have been deposited at one of the Company's Registered Offices. The shares will in both cases remain blocked until the day following the General Meeting.

The 1991 Annual Report, comprising in particular the Nestlé S.A. Directors' Report, will be held at the disposal of the holders of bearer shares, as from April 28, 1992, at the Registered Offices in Cham and Vevey and at the offices of the Company's paying agents.

The holders of registered shares whose names appear in the Share Register will, within the next few days, receive the invitation to the General Meeting, together with a reply form for ordering an admission card or appointing a proxy, as well as for ordering the full annual report.

Shareholders are requested to address any correspondence concerning the General Meeting to the Share Transfer Office of the Company in Cham (Switzerland).

The Board of Directors

Cham and Vevey, April 21,1992 Switzerland

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Ribalta could lack desire to push Bruno to the limit

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

only five. However, the bout

may not turn out to be as

competitive as the records

After all, Ribalta has been

suggest it could be.

more often than before.

Ribalta. "I don't make

matches Bruno can't win,"

Duff said yesterday. "It will be a fight to halfway because for the first time Bruno is

fighting someone with longer

Duff did not think Bruno's

lack of ring action - only one

round after an absence of

little over three years from boxing — would show. Bruno has had good sparring, espe-cially with Henry Akinwan-de. "Akinwande is not a

sparring partner. He is a

good prospect," Duff said. "Ask Gary Mason. He will

FRANK Bruno attempts a feat tonight that has never been tried before - to clear with one bound the chasm that separates unrated heavyweights from the best in the division at the top of the world rankings.

To achieve this he has to beat José Ribalta, a Cuban-born American, at the Albert Hall. He would then be given a bout with the world No. 1 contender, Pierre Coetzer, of South Africa. Coetzer struggled to outpoint Ribalta, flooring him and then being decked himself. In the end, it was generally acknowledged that Ribalta "had been

For once, the experts will have to accept that a solid enough opponent had been found for Bruno. The 6ft 7in Cuban has lost seven bouts in 39 contests, compared to Bruno's three defeats in 33. Ribalta was beaten on points by James "Bonecrusher" Smith and Tim Witherspoon, both of whom knocked out Bruno in ten rounds. Ribalta Tyson, while Bruno could last

Collins has new plan

East Rutherford, New Jer-sey: The first time Steve Collins, of Ireland, boxed for a world middleweight title, he made a mistake. But he does not plan to repeat it tonight when he meets Reggie John-son here for the World Boxing Association crown.

The Irishman won his first 16 professional bouts before falling to Mike McCallum in a WBA middleweight title contest in February 1990. His error, he said, was trying to outbox McCallum. You must put the pressure

on from the opening bell," he

STUDENT SPORT

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By Mark Herbert

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GM Vauxhall Conference

Semi-final, first leg

Barclays League

Second division

Fourth division

Nottm Forest v Liverpool .

First division

said. "That's what I plan to do to Johnson - pressure

Johnson, too, has had a previous chance at a world title, losing a split decision to the defending International Boxing Federation champion, James Toney, in Las Ve-gas, after knocking Toney down in the second round.

Collins lived in Boston, Massachusetts, from 1986 until 1990 then moved back to Ireland and renewed his alliance with the Belfast manager-promoter, Barney East-wood.

tell you what it is to spar with him. Bruno went 30 rounds with him and in the end no man was the guv'nor. But it showed Bruno can go the rounds if he has to."

called in by Bruno's promoter and matchmaker to help fur-Ribalta's trainer, Felix Pintor, a former boxer, talks a ther the Englishman's career. good fight. "I can't see how Ribalta, now well past his best, could be ready to fall. At Bruno can beat José," he said. 29, which although no age at all for heavyweights, he app-ears to be showing signs of ring-weariness, being floored "I tell José that Bruno is the easiest fight of his career. Because the three guys who have knocked out Bruno -Tyson, Witherspoon and Duff believes he has made the right decision in picking

Bonecrusher Smith - they could not knock José out. Yes, Bruno has a hell of a good record against nobodies. When you plant a tree it grows up as you plant it. If you plant it straight, it will grow straight, if you plant it crooked, it will grow crooked. It can't change afterwards." In the old days, Ribaha would have been far too good

for Bruno. Even now, he may know too much for him, but it is unlikely that he has the motivation to win. After all, defeating an unranked heavy-weight like Brupo would mean nothing in the world. With his greying hair and compliant nature, Ribalta looks very much a man come out of retirement for a good

pay day.
Of course, after his operation last year for a torn retina and recent warnings given by Ribalta about the dangers of boxing after such an operation, Bruno might not be his oid self. If he should show hesitation against an experi-enced man like Ribalta, the Cuban could just find that little extra to outclass Bruno. tends to counterpunch and this should allow Bruno to get in his big punch first. Should it land on the chin, the bout could be over in five or six

REAL TÈNNIS

Door opens for cool Cornwallis

BY SALLY JONES

WHEN the George Wimpey IT IS ironic that the British Open women's cham-Endsleigh festival, the biggest pionship starts at Seacourt, Hayling Island, today, the multi-sport student event in world's three leading players Britain, is facing a radical will be sidelined by pregnan-cy. The favourite, Charlotte Cornwallis, aged 19, a junior hockey international, should format change at the height of its popularity.

When the three-day event begins at Birmingham Univprovide a welcome new look ersity today, it may for the last time be a tournament be-

at the top. Penny Lumley, the world tween teams representing the polytechnic, college and univchampion, plus Alex Garside and myself, the world doubles This summer will see an champions, are scheduled to give birth later in the sumupheaval in student sport. The recent legislation on mer, as is Jo Miller, another higher education will enable high-ranked player. With all four in or nearing their thirmost institutions to claim university status. For decades ties. Cornwallis could be there has been a clamour for world champion within five a unified sports body, but the years.

Despite her novice status in price of such change might a game in which they say it This year, the competition takes ten years to make a has attracted a high standard player, Cornwallis, who of entry. The universities' began playing with her football squad includes Rob father, Jeremy, at Queen's Manhews, of Loughborough, Club five years ago, has al-ready won several important who scored Notts County's winning goal against Nortitles. She took the US Open wich City on Saturday. last year and beat Helen Last year's programme, comprising football, basket-Mursell, the Australian professional, to become undis-

ball, netball, hockey, volley-ball, tennis and fencing, has puted world No. 4. Cornwallis faces youthful opposition this week from Magda Groszek, the fast-imbeen augmented with squash rackets and badminton. The latter promises to be of proving No. 2 seed, who has been training in Bordeaux. Alison Cockeroft, the York-shire player seeded third, is also back in form after being the highest standard, with the universities selecting Bruce Flockhart and Karen Ward, Scottish and Welsh internationals, respectively, and the hit by a car last year, while polytechnics naming Antho-Mandy Happell, the

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Utit (7.0); West Brontwich v Blackburn (7.0); Second division: Hull v Mansfeld (7.0); Netts Co v Port Vale (7.0); Preston v Leicaster (7.0); Scunhorne v Blackpool (7.0): Wolverhampton v Grimeby (7.0); NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Brighton v Luton (7.15); Chelsea v West Ham (2.0); Fuhsem v Charlton (2.0); Oxford Utid v Tottenham: Reading v Milevell (2.0); Swindon v Arsenal (2.0); Walford v Southempton.

Walford v Southempton.
ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Final: Cheimstord v Redbridge Forest.
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OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Gramplen international lestival of road racing (Duthle Park, Abardeen, 11.30).

BOXING: Heavyweight bout: Frank Bruno v José Ribeita (Cuba) (Wembley Arena) SNOCKER: World championship (Shel-field)

Australia, is training hard and deserves her fourth seeding. Her handicap is falling. However, Cornwallis's contemporaries still lack the mixture of power, tactical skill and athleticism it takes to

create a champion. Comwailis has it in abundance, although her fiery temper and tendency to lose concentration at vital moments, plus a weakness for cigarettes, have held her back. She is learning to control the outbursts and is also developing an impressive commitment to the game.

Despite an energetic sched-ule at Loughborough University that includes hockey training and matches six days a week. Cornwallis often drives to Moreton Morrell in Warwickshire to train. She spends several hours a day working with Andrew Lyons. the Queen's Club assistant professional, during holidays and long weekends in London. Lyons is convinced that she can reach the top.

"She's got a lot of natural talent and works hard at bringing it out." Lyons said. Her strengths are her good, severely cut ground strokes and an excellent railroad service. She also moves well and is learning to control herself, which is the one thing that might have stopped her becoming a champion."

An emphatic British Open

victory could give her the incentive she needs to close the gap on the old guard.

By ROBERT KIRLEY

IN THE third week of the

season, the Pittsburgh Pirates

lead the National League

East by four games. Pitts-

burgh, division winners the

last two seasons, beat the

Philadelphia Phillies three

times over the weekend by a

scored nine runs in the ninth

inning to beat the Montreal Expos 11-1, led by Kirk Gib-

son's grand slam, extending

their winning streak to seven.

With ten wins and two de-

feats, they are off to their best

start in 30 years. Scott Cooper bounced an The Baltimore Orioles unusual single off the pitch-

combined margin of 27-6. On Monday the Pirates



Golden girl: Meyer, with the movement of a gazelle and heart of a lioness

Meyer strides smoothly on to the world stage

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

provement, but soon stag-nation set in. There was

no one to race." Meyer said. "At every meeting, it

was the same people. It was difficult being on my own." But when Budd, now Zola

Pitterse, made a comeback in 1990, and South Africa's

readmission hopes grew, Meyer responded.

fastest 3,000 metres (8min 32.00sec) and 5,000 me-

tres (14min 44.15sec) of

the last four years, and has a half-marathon time (1hr 07min 58sec) bettered only

eyer is gearing herself towards the 10,000 me-

tres at the Olympics: South Africa's sports personality

of the year against Brit-ain's. With Olga Bonda-renko, the defending

champion, and Lynn Jen-

nings, the world cross-

country champion, also looking to bring her down, McColgan will be hard

pressed to complement the world title she won in To-

Meyer won the 3,000 me-tres in Dakar by 150 me-tres, with Pieterse second and unable to explain her

This, and the 1,500 me-

ing rubber — the plank against which the pitcher

braces his back foot - to drive

in a run with two outs in the

ninth inning and hand the Boston Red Sox a 5-4 win

over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Cooper's hit ricocheted high to the second baseman.

Roberto Alomar, who could

not throw to the plate in time to put out Phil Plantier.

Ken Griffey Jr drove in five runs, a personal best, to lead

the Seattle Mariners past the Milwankee Brewers 12-9. Dwight Gooden, of the New

York Mets. rode five first-

inning runs to a 7-2 win against the Phillies, his first

against the Phillies, his first since last August. Gooden, League, \$350,000.

kyo last summer.

BASEBALL

Pittsburgh dash to best start in 30 years

She has run the world's

slip her bare feet into for the next few months, nice and comfortable. Meyer is everything that Pieterse used to be before she caught political spots: the South African runner the world is waiting to see. Let out of her country to race for the first time at the weekend, she stood com-parison with the glowing reports from her homeland;

the movement of a gazelle, the heart of a lioness. A big. big threat to Liz McColgan's Olympic gold medalwinning plans. Eight years ago, it was Zola Budd who left South

Africa to try her luck at the Olympic Games on a passport of convenience provided by Britain. But in a 3,000 metres supposed to yield her a medal at least, she finished seventh. "Zola had a tough time because she had to fight a lot of other things apart from running," Meyer said. "I am fortunate that the doors

Now eligible to compete
In Africa — it was at the
African Unity Games in Dakar on Saturday that Meyer made her interna-tional debut, easily winning the 3,000 metres — South Africa's scope seems certain to widen next month. The International Amateur Athletic Federation is expected to grant the provisional membership its athletes need to compete. worldwide after nearly two decades in isolation. There has been little to

choose between Meyer's recent performances and those of Pieterse at her best and there is little to choose

have more wins than defeats for the first time in almost two

years. With an overall record

of seven wins and five defeats,

they have won six and lost one

in their new city-centre

ballpark. On Sunday. Bob

Milacki gave up four hits in

eight innings in a 3-2 home

victory over the struggling

The Orioles spotted the Ti-

gers four runs on Monday

before winning 12-4. Alan Mills and Todd Frohwirth

retired 19 of the last 23 batters, allowing one hit, in relief of Ben McDonald to cap a

three-game series sweep. Scott Cooper bounced an

which Meyer hopes to open her account against Europe either between Mever's build and that of the whispering waif we remember. As a young athlete, Mey-

10,000 metres is almost like a marathon," she said. never enough to catch a close-up of you know who. It was always Zola Budd, You keep it for special miles ahead, she said. But it was good for her motiva-tion. When Budd left for eyer is coached by Pieter Labu-schagne. Now Britain, she took Meyer's competitive heart with ber. There was a brief im-

where have you heard that name before? Why. Zola's coach? Mey-er used to work from Zola's schedules "more or less", but the emphasis has

changed. "Zola loves doing a lot of faster stuff on the track and I don't," Meyer said. And a recent move to Stellen-bosch has given her a de-

cent track to train on. Meyer is the same age as Pleterse, 25, but was only 13 when she first ran, into trouble. She ran her first half-marathon, the Foot of Africa race, and won. "But I was disqualified because I was not licensed by a club,"

she said. No woman has broken 8min 30sec since the last Olympics, but Meyer in-tends to change that. "I think I can run a lot faster than my 8:32 of last year," she said. Pieterse agrees:
"She can run under 8:30...

definitely."
Meyer added: "I think eventually the marathon will be my best event." But she is pleading for time. "To go to Barcelona without experience and expect a gold medal will be unrealis-tic," she said. Too late, the damage is done.

Her physical potential is not in question. Only her mental toughness remains tres, are the distances over to be tested.

returning from shoulder sur-

gery, no longer has an intimi-

dating fastball, which will embolden opponents.

The average salary in the major leagues, \$1,084,408,

reflects a 27 per cent increase

from last season. The Mets

have the highest average, \$1,707.769 (£976.000); Cleveland Indians are the

paupers on \$271,089. Only

41 of the 719 players are on

the minimum salary, \$109,000. Baseball pays sec-

ond best in American sport.

The others: National Basket-

ball Association, \$1.1 million;

National Football League,

RACING

Piggott stands by for Sangster's big Guineas hope

By MICHAEL SEELY

LESTER Piggott is all set to attempt to record his thirtieth British classic victory on Rodrigo De Triano in the 2,000 Guineas if, as seems likely, Willie Carson is claimed to ride either Muhtarram or Badie for Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum.

The only proviso is that if the Maktoum runners are withdrawn at a later stage, Carson will be allowed to regain the mount on the colt, on whom he won last season's Champagne and Middle Park Stakes and on whom he recently finished fourth behind Lion Cavern in the Greenham Stakes at

Newbury. Now 56, Piggott has al-ready won four 2,000 Guineas, recording one victory in each of the four previous de-cades on Crepello (1957), Sir Ivor (1968), Nijinsky (1970) and Shadeed (1985). Shadeed's win for Michael

Stoute was the maestro's last classic win before his retirement later that year and, although he won the Breeders' Cup Turf on Royal Academy on returning to the saddle in 1990, he has yet to taste another dassic success.

Although Piggott has al-ready won a Derby, an Irish Derby, a King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and two Arcs for Robert Sangster, Rodrigo De Triano's owner, the lockey has yet to capture a 2,000 Guineas for Britain's former leading owner, whose for-tunes have been back on the

tunes have been back on the crest of a wave this spring.
Yesterday. Rodrigo De Triano was the subject of heavy backing for the Guineas, his price being cut from 5-1 to 4-1 with Ladbrokes and Hills.Confirming the well-being of the second favourite, his trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, said: "He worked really well this morning, and I'm sure he's come on a lot since finishing fourth on a lot since finishing fourth at Newbury."

The Kentucky Derby-bound Dr Devious was also in action at Manton. "We worked him on the all-weather and he handled the dirt Of the other possible classic candidates at Manton, River

Defences, an impressive win-

ner at the Newbury spring meeting, is to have his Derby preliminary in either the Vase or the Dee Stakes at the Chester May meeting and El Cortes, who was the most promising two-year-old on the gallops last season, until a training setback in the au-tumn, is to make his eagerlyawaited reappearance in the Newmarket Stakes at the Guineas meeting on May 1.

Other news on the Kentucky Derby front is that Thyer, who finished third behind Twist And Turn in the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket, is to join Arazi and Dr Devious in a three-pronged European attack on Ameri-ca's premier classic. "We may not be able to beat Arazi, but we may well finish second," Jim Bolger said. At Warwick yesterday,

Clive Brittain and Michael Roberts were the trainer and jockey combination in form. The pair landed an 82-1 double by winning with Nuez and

Discussing his weekend plans, Brittain said: "Unless the ground dries up. Sikeston will be my runner in the Forte Mile on Friday, not

Mystiko."
In the betting on Saturday's Sandown feature, the Whitbread Gold Cup, the best-backed horse yesterday was Arctic Call. Oliver Sher-wood's unlucky Liverpool loser is now 4-1 favourite with both Corals and Hills. Ladbrokes also reported money for Charlie Brooks's course winner, Espy, who was backed from 10-1 to 7-1.



Piggott: looking for thirtieth classic win

BRAILE OF DERWINT (Tranwell: Hunt:
1, Lough Egish (S Pittendrigh, 4-7 lav): 2,
Bartow Billy: 3, Herry The Spider. 4 ran.
Mdn: 1, Darry Princess (R Robinson, 6-1);
2, Jeds Shoon: 3, Arzama. 17 ran. Open;
1, Generals Boy (P Cruggs, 1-4 fav): 2,
The Lady's Partner: 3, Lisson Dangeresses. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Steele Justice
(Miss P Robson, 2-5 fav); 2, Music Be
Magic: 3, Jordanstown House. 8 ran.
Rest: 1, Wheeles Newmember (M Dun, 41): 2, Zagardy: 3. Sevenata. 10 ran.
Confined: 1, Aden Royale (Miss C Budge,
9-1): 2, Panavista: 8, Elegant Gusel. 12
ran.

Ran,
EAST KBNT (Aldington): Hunt: 1, Rushy
Raile (A Hictorian, 4-1); 2, Tricky Business;
3, Clove Bud. 4 ran. Flest: 1, Startap (Mass
S Gladders, 3-1); 2, Magical Mortis; 3,
Import General, B ran, Ladies; 1, Prince
Zeus (Mrs K Hills, 6-6); 2, Linger Al Ses; 3,
Liberty Square. 5 ran. Open: 1, Wye Lea
(A Hickman, 4-6, Iss/; 2, Breenentors; only
2 fin. 4 ran. Confined: 1, Which Way Now
(C Newport, 5-4 if Iss/; 2, Piter's Glory; 3,
Newtown Boy; 5 ran. Midn: 1, What A Gig
(P Buil, 7-4 Ji Iss/; 2, Alice May; 3, Prince
Vincenne. 8 ran.

Diamond Express; 3, Preveall. 9 ran.

ESSEX FARSHERS & UNION (Marke Tay): Humt: 1, Run Tokan (J Westerson, 5-2); 2, Spertan Plashback; 3, Beeu Warrier. 5 rant. Contined: 1, Rubin's Choice (F Tokano, 1-6 fay); 2, Poyel Sting; 3, High Class Agent. 3 ran. Ladies; 1, Mountain Creath (Nies G Chown, 5-4 fay); 2, As You Were; 3, True Down, 7 ran. Open: 1, Cert's Choice (G Cooper, 1-6 fay); 2, Roars Of Applause; 8, O Catins, 5 ran: Inter: 1, Ternish Mejor (A Coe, 10-1); 2, Lintinown Marriyr; 3, No Rebesse: 7 ran. Mdn (Div); 1, Soard Gerne (W Nort, 4-1); 2, Russecti King; 3, Fasingo, 11 ran. Mdn (b; 1, Battle Morgin (Mise L Hoss, 20-1); 2, Val's Chat; 3, Kellye Ser, 8 ran. FOUR SURROW (Wadebridge): Humt: 1,

Val's Chat; 3, Kellys Ber. 8 ran.

POUR BURROW (Wadebridge: Hurst: 1, Strumpebus (Mise T. Congdon, Evenal): 2, Get Away; 3, Duet. 5 ran. Confirmed: 1, Bistroptic (W G Turner, 2-1): 2, Genden-Centre Boy; 5, Feppin Coady. 5 ran. Open: 1, Michight Madness (Ross Darke. 1-3 lav): 2, Tranquil Waters; 3, Mareth Linu. 3 ran. Laddes: 1, Puppet Show (Niss M Turner, 4-5 lav); 2, Golden Acre: 3, Wheel Be Too. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Princa Soloman (W G Turner, 7-4 fav); 2, Tudor Larkabout; 3, Sarak. 9 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Did Road (A Wormscott, 4-5 fav); 2, Swayed Ashore; 3, Corne On Lucky, 10 ran.

fan.
NORTH COTSWOLD (Springhill): Hunt:
1, Met Station (G Smyly, Evers): 2,
Smalght Bet 3: Deep Surprise 4 ran.
Commed: 1, Royal Tower (John Princhstd, 4-5 tay); 2, London Windows; 3, Culott
Trip. 8 ran. Ludies: 1, Romulex (Mass A
Dars, 1-3 hay); 2, Eastlends Monkey; 3,
Codger, 8 rain. Open: 1, Phile Cluster (R
Mumford, 2-1); 2, With Budd; 3, Clarnoche
Gazerte, 5 ran. Inter: 1, He's Megic (L
Gasson, 8-1); 2, Mr Sponge, 3,
Rockmount River, 6 ran, Open Mdn: 1,
Diamond Fort (D Duggen, 4-6 lay); 2,
Cettic Stephen; 3, Waterhey, 11 ran.
NORTH SHRIDESHARE (Fytosch, See. Certic Stephen; 3, Waterhay, 11 ran.

NORTH SHROPSHIRE (Eyton-On-Severn): Hum: 1, Scally Maire (A Crow, 2-6 tav); 2, Kinstury; 3, Ahain, 6 ran.
Confined: 1, Equity Player (A Crow, 2-1 d. fav); 2, Abbreviated; only 2 fin. 9 ran.
Copen: 1, Royal Greak (G Harmer, 23-1);
2, Knuckte Down; 3, Nootome Dilemme, 10 rin. Ladige: 1, Ademse (Mrs H Connors, 2-5 tav); 2, Renand Quey; 3, Valoroso, 8 ran. PPOA: 1, Rin Ne Herren (C J B Barlow, 6-1); 2, Dark Record, 3, Rouse About, 7 ran. Mein (Div I); 1, Foxy She (Mass F Done, 7-1); 2, Seasy Bonne; 3, Luis Blake 15 ran. Mein (Div II), 1, Ring, Sem (G Harmer, 6-1); 2, Welsh Legion; 3, Polly's Clown, 9 ran. Rest I: 1, Happy Higgins (W Barlow, 8-1); 2, Abitmortur; 3, Bey OM: 8 ran. Reat II: 1, Cermon (G Harmer, 9-2); 2, Temporary Affair; 3, Mills Amend. 10 ran.

OLD SEPROSHIPE (Lockings). Hunt: 1, Brother Michael (N Shayler, 1-2 [av]; 2, Wild Fortune, 3, Cynthis May, 4 ran. Midn: 1, Hope And Pope (R Alner, 4-1); 2, Luvaridas; 3, Ronte Mir 18 ran Confined: 1, Valibus (P Scoulier, Evens tay). 2, Border Sur; 3, Kond Ol Megic, 8 ran. Open: 1, Macri Warrior (N Shayler, 2-1); 2, Gurinar's Fight; only 2 fin. 2 ran. Ladles: 1, Aristo (Miss 17 Cave, 5-4 fay). 2, Ryton Part; 3, Carseria Lud. 9 ran. Infast: 1, Mol Bucre (R Lawrier, 4-1); 2, Candisight Dinner, 3, Fishing Season. 5 ran. SOUTHDOWN & ERIDGE (Heathfield): Hunt: 1, Tremayne (A Siggs, 6-1); 2, Kristerson. 3, Ioe Fant. 8 ran. Rest. 1, Dipped in Clover (Miss.) Grant, 8-4 fay; 2, Country Ver; 3, Authori Express. 6 ran. Ladles: 1, Meltity Boy (Miss.) Season. 5 fax. Ladles: 1, Meltity Boy (Miss.) Season. 5 fax. Ladles: 1, Meltity Boy (Miss.) Season. 5 fax. Ladles: 1, Meltity Boy (Miss.) Season. 1, 1 fav); 2, Authoric; orly 2 fin. 2 ran. Confined: 1, Hard To Live (T McCarliny, 4-7 fay). 2, Glotis Padrasg; only 2 fin. 2 ran. Gordinad: 1, Bishop Seathful (Miss A Newton-Smith; 3-1 Mary); 2, Westoroft Lad; 3, Gractic Jay, 8 ran. SOUTH NOTTS (Thorpe Lodge): Hunt: 1, Rebad (B Crawford, 7-4); 2, Moysprun: 3, Stansudbou. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Father Columbus (M Brown, 11-2; 2, Caney River; 3, High Blend. 6 ran. Open 1, Locky Diplomat, only 2 fin. 3 ran. Ladles: 1, Permy Lover (Mrs. M Morrs, 2-5 ray); 2, Layedbeck, Jack; 3, Roden. 7 ran. Rest: 1, Frankalma (A Pickering, Evens fay); 2, Swell Romance; 3, Gulf O'I Gold. 4 ran. idda: 1, Lucy's Big (D Eaden, 6-1); 2, Swell Romance; 3, Gulf O'I Gold. 4 ran. idda: 1, Lucy's Big (D Fancer); 1, Father Columbus (M Brown, 11-2; 2, Caney River; 2, Handom Push; 3, Rakes O' Mallow, 7 ran. Such 1, Julius, 3-1); 2, Robothes; 3, Cleddau King 10 ran. Open: 1, Brunico (R Transbown, Miss. 2, Lucy Gordinar, 4-1); 2, Handom Fush; 3, Rakes O' Mallow, 7 ran. Confined: 1, Lind Travistown (Miss. P Gundy, 11-10 fay); 2, Geophysica; 1, Longer (R Shrino, 4-1); 2, January Don; 3, Dock Bret. 10 ran. Moln 1: 1, Charlo Sagaro Sun. 9 ran.

TAUNTON VALE (Kingston St. Mary)Hunt: 1. Guymyson (D Pipe. 1.3 rav) 2.
Columbique. 3. Deltrate Chance 5 ran
Contined: 1. Samuelson (J Ferthing, B-4).
2. Unityfarm Ottowner; 3. Imply Condor 6
ran. Mixed Open: 1. Suez (Mise A Barnet.
1.2 fav); 2. Regitme Sole; only 2 lin. 3 ran
Rest: 1. Farmer Tom (* Mitchell, 4.7 rav).
2. Master Pepper, only 2 lin. 5 ran. Inter
1. Fell Met (T. Mitchell, 9-4). 2.
Bluechspentarprise; 3. Brickyard 4 ran
Mchr.: 1. Olinedan (T. Knight, 6-1). 2.
Stefford Lad; 3. Cosoh Rd Express 6 ran
VINE. & CRAYEN (Hackwood Best.)

Stafford Lad: 3, Coach Rd Express 6 ran
VINE & CRAVEN (Hackwood Park;
Hurnt: 1, Way Under (C Vigors, 46 fau), 2
Golden Kit, 3, Emperor Charles, 4 ran
Inter: 1, Good Word (C Vigors, 2-1 Ji fav), 2,
Holland House, 3, Miss Magde, 8 ran
Ladisse: 1, Dandy (Mrs. J Gault, 1-2 tay), 2
Carvasa, only 2 fin 5 ran, Open 1, Ruby
Wester, only 2 fin 3 ran, Commed: 1,
Chemist Broker (Miss. J Wickham, Evens),
Kings Bill, only 2 fin. 3 ran Open Mcn.
1, Touch Control (M Portman, 4-5 fav), 2
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TRATES

Maira & Co

Power Lake to head Eddery treble POWER Lake, ridden by the champion jockey, Pat Eddery, has the necessary class to win the Folkstone Stakes on the East Kent course today, even though he finished only seventh of eight in the Abernant Stakes at

Newmarket last Tuesday. The important factor about that run was that Power Lake showed that he still possesses all of his old speed as he blazed the trail for much of the way.

What found him out was the sixth furlong. Reverting to the minimum trip and with a race under his belt, he should prove capable of winning this time.

After making a successful debut at Lingfield last summer, Power Lake continued to run his best races over

MANDARIN

2.45 AHBAB (nap), 3.15 Power Lake. 3.45 Sabre Rattler.

4.45 Swift Silver.

1.45 Mujid. 2.15 Loki.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

today's trip; most notably when finishing third behind Magic Ring and Paris House in the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot and again when third behind Magic Ring and Harvest Girl over the same course and distance in the autumn.

In between times, Power Lake was also runner-up to Paris House in the Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster. A repetition of any of those runs should see him home today, particularly as Arctic Appeal and Duplicity are weighted to dead-heat on their recent run behind Prince Ferdinand at Thirsk.

Power Lake can become the

RICHARD EVANS

3.15 Power Lake.

THUNDERER

1.45 RIPSNORTER

3.15 Power Lake, 3.45 Sabre Rattler.

4.15 Truben.

1.45 WALMER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: 22,422: 1m 1f 149yd) (15 runners)

FORM FOCUS

RIPSNORTER 13I 10th of 21 to Eoloke in Newbury (Im 2), good to soft; handicap. STORM DRUM 1941 8th of 11 to Desert Zone in Brighton (Im 2), MUJID 61 2nd of 10 to in The Picture in masden over and distance (soft) with BERNIE SILVERS (Sto better of) 91st 4th. BLACKPATCH HILL 744

2.15 TIM FREEMAN CLAIMING STAKES (\$2,480: 1m 1f 149yd) (15 runners)

FORM FOCUS

LOKI, very consistent, beat Nakore Bistrays 2I in Redox (Im 2I, good to firm) handsap; previously 3I 2nd of 8 to Knifebox in Cheeter (Im 2I 110yd, good to sort) handsap METTERNICH 4Mi 2nd of 12 to Hangot in Ripon (Im 2I, soft) claimer. PRINCE JAKATONI 19(1) 5th of 15 to Languedoc in Nottinghem (Im 2I, good) handsap. ABBOLUTELY

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THUNDERER

3.00 Vasiliev.

4.30 Tlaad. 5.00 Malcesine.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Lady St Lawrence. 4.00 Bold Setko.

2.30 RICHMOND STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,476: 5f) (3 runners)

2.00 Penny Hasset. 2.30 Lucky Parkes.

3.30 Lady St Lawrence. 4.00 Bold Setto.

2.00 ASPIRING JOCKEYS APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,304: 5f) (13 runners)

3.00 WIN WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP (£3,080; 1m 5f 175yd) (9 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Epsy Over, 100-30 Vasifiev, 9-2 Malenos, 6-1 Sovereign Niche, 8-1 Rexy Boy, 10-1 Talish, 12-1 others

1991; PEANUTS PET 6-8-2 J Lowe (8-1) B McMahon 11 ran

DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

RICHARD EVANS

(nap). 4.30 Pridian.

4.00 ACT OF UNION

2.45 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES (\$2,382: 8f 189yd) (12 runners)

MANDARIN

4.30 Tlaad. 5.00 Daaris.

GOING: GOOD

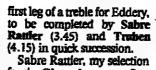
2.00 The Noble Oak.
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3.30 Lady St Lawrence.
4.00 Bold Setko.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 Truben.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 LOKI.

(nap). 2.15 Absolutely Right.

DRAW: 5F-6F 189YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST.



Sabre Ranter, my selection for the Glover Insurance Services Challenge Cup, finally came good at Newbury last time when beating the favourite, Conspicuous. Truben, my choice for the Barham Three-Year-Old

Maiden Stakes, is considered up to the task in Newmarket following that promising run behind a better-fancied stable companion, Mount Helena. at Nottingham last autumn. Mujid, who was runner-up to In The Picture on today's course last month, is taken to

go one better in the Walmer Handicap, more especially

since In the Picture looked a

bit unlucky to be beaten by



Eddery: fancied for a Folkestone treble

Fengari and Romansh at Kempton on Saturday. My nap, though, is Ahbab to win the Levy Board Apprentice Maiden Stakes. A promising fifth behind

Perfect Circle in her only race at Kempton last year, this beautifully-bred filly by Ajdal out of a half-sister to Light her seasonal debut at Brigh-Mathasyl and Oh So Rosy.

trained Bold Setko can land the first division of the Spring Handicap came at Haydock last Saturday with Magnificent, his narrow conqueror at Brighton, winning again.

If Willie Carson fails to win the Richmond Stakes on Nominator, as well he may now that Lucky Parkes has tion awaits on Tlaad (4.30)

Cavalry and Fairy Footsteps. got into all sorts of trouble on ton nine days ago before finishing third behind At Catterick, encouragement that the James Eustace-

stood his ground, compensa-

and Daaris (5.00). 3.15 FOLKESTONE STAKES (£2,322: 51) (7 runners)

1991: SIZZLING SAGA 3-8-11 L Piggett (6-4 lev) J Berry 5 ran FORM FOCUS

LOVE RETURNED beaf Mard Welcome 4f in 14-runner Bath (5f, good) cleimer REGAL CHIMES ni. 2nd of 5 to Miss Rosey Parker in Ayr (5f, good) assign race in September. POWER LAKE 3½1 Srd of 11 te Margie Ring in group

3.45 GLOVER INSURANCE SERVICES CHALLENGE CUP (2-Y-O: £2,364: 5f) (6 runners)

1981: BIT-A-MAGIC 9-4 L Piggott (8-13 lav) J Berry 7 ren

FORM FOCUS

GREENWICH CHALENGE best Nagic Poart 1 I/H in 12-runner Ripon (5/, soft) marden. SABRE RAT-TLER best Conspicuous 2 in 14-runner Newbury (5/, sood to soft) marden. LUCKIFOSOME best Ulcam's Lady 44 in 11-runner.

4.15 BARHAM THREE YRS OLD MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£1,932: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

1991: HIDDEN CUEST 9.0 R Cachrane (5-4 lev) G Herwood 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SIR PAGEANT 21 2nd of 13 to Citiqueen in Southwell (AW, 1m) malden. SURE HAVEN 1 let 2nd of 13 to Causbonary 7ate in Edinburgh (1m, good to fam) maiden.

NO ISLANDS at by Lomond out of a High Line mere. TRUBER 7 let 5th of 18 to Mount Hetens in Notting-fam) maiden.

4.45 DOVER HANDICAP (£2,324: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

FORM FOCUS

PETAVICUS 5 Wil 4th of 11 to Bironia Runner or Bath (Im 21, good) apprentice handicap; previously best Quod 1% in 9-runner Southwell (Im 41, good to firm) handicap with ALWAYS ALEX (5to better off) 2 3rd SWIFT SILVER 2 2nd of 21 to Mr Confusion in Nottingham (Im 21, good) handicap PETMER best

COURSE SPECIALISTS Winners Runners Per cent UOCKEYS TRAINERS

3.30 JOCKEY CAP SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,147: 1m 4f 44yd) (9 runners) 1 (1) 351004 BROTHERLYAFFECTION 7 (Mrs R Hollunshead) R Hollunshead 9-0 W Garson 91
2 (8) 500-0 Cell 'S FARSO 7 (V) (D Wilcos) J Harms 8-10 D Hollund 9-0
3 (8) 400-568 ELGIN 13 (B) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Belley 8-10 THOMAS 10 D Hollund 9-0
5 (7) 80-50 MAJOR RISK 50 (Roldwale Lid) P Kisliewsy 8-10 J Carroll 9-1
8 (4) 2300-50 VICTOR ROMEO 13 (B.F) (Mrs J Hopper) W Pearce 8-10 D Michaels 80
7 (3) 000- HASTY AMY 255 (Mrs H Electry) M Electry 8-5 S Morths 97
8 (8) 6303-02 LADY ST LAWRENCE 14 (B) (Hesmonds Stud) M Prescott 8-5 J Lows 97
9 (2) 00-04 STRATFORD LADY 14 (Stratford Homes Lid) J Glover 8-5 J Fortume 87
BETTING: 5-2 Lady St Lawrence, 7-2 Great Oralion, 4-1 Brotherlyaffection, 8-1 Stratford Lady, 8-1 others 1991: PAINT THE LILY 6-4 Y Sprake (12-1) D Jermy 20 ran

4.00 SPRING HANDICAP (Div I; 3-Y-O: £2,343: 7f) (8 runners) BÉTTING: 2-1 Mea Parkes, 3-1 Shylou, 4-1 Sold Selks, 6-1 Act Of Union, 8-1 Jubal Early, 10-1 others 1991: PRÉMIER CHOICE 7-13 J Lowe (9-1) W Pearce 15 ran

4.30 SEDBURY MAIDEN STAKES (£2,284: 7f) (9 runners) 1991: TIBRACK 3-8-10 Pat Eddery (4-6 lav) H Cecil 11 ran

5.00 SPRING HANDICAP (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,322: 71) (9 runners) 1 (6) 02042-0 VASILIEV 11 (V.G) (R Houlton) J Leigh 4-9-10... D Nicholis 96
2 (1) 31200/0 MEGAN'S FLIGHT 50 (D.G) (Mrs F Lewn) T Caldwell 7-8-8... N Kennedy (5) 97
3 (7) 0-02210 MALENOIR 68 (V) (J Purcell) W Pearce 4-8-4 L Charmock 97
4 (2) 533054- EASY OVER 11J (G) (Mas V Foster) R Woodhouse 6-8-2 ... W Carson 96
5 (9) 3000-80 TALISH 11 (G) (A Gorne) T Berron 4-7 11 ... J Famining (3) 6 99
6 (3) 053505- SOVEREIGN NICHE 8J (N Miller) N Miller 4-7-10... A Mackey 94
7 (8) (450-50 STARLIGHT WONDER 9 (* Thomson) R Berr 6-7-7... P Burke 90
8 (4) 316240- REXY BOY 1023 (BF.G) (J Coluns) W Barker 5-7-7 ... J Lowe 88
9 (5) 400000- MEDIA STAR 175 (D.F.G) (T Kersey) T Kersey 7-7-7 ... S Melconey (5)
8 Long handicap: Rexy Boy 7-2, Media Star 6-7
BETTING: 11-4 Ebsy Over, 100-30 Vasifiev, 9-2 Malenow, 6-1 Sovereign Niche, 8-1 Rexy Boy, 10-1 Talish. Long handicap: Yree Owl 7-5, Brigmski 7-1

BETTING: 8-4 Deams, 7-2 Malcoune, 4-1 Battuta, 8-1 Debay Do. 10-1 Joykul Thought, 12-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRAINERS M Stoute G Wragg M Proscott

3.45 Aswamedh. 4.20 Ronans Birthday. 4.50 Arctic Skylight. 5.20 Arpal Breeze. 5.50 Master Ofthe House. 6.20 Monaru. THUNDERER

3.45 Aswamedh. 4.20 Ronans Birthday. 4.50 All Welcome. 5.20 Arpal Breeze. 5.50 Going Public. 6.20 Monaru.

3.45 PARTY HAS STARTED MAIDEN

HURDLE (£2,220: 2m 4f) (15 runners) 1 6524 ADDINGTON LAD 18 G Richerds 7.11.7 G McCourt
2 F4P3 DANTE'S INFERNO 11 (S) Mrs S Bradburne 6.11.7
3 -005 ESAND GALE 35 D McCore 7.11.7 A Merrigan
4 0P0P KELPIE THE CELT 53 W A Stephenson 5.11.7 C Grant
5 0PP0 KIRSTY'S COMET 60 Mss. L Perratt 6.11.7 D Poole (7)
6 0P3 LEADING PROSPECT 35 Mrs. J Goodtelow 5.11.7
R Storey

6 0P3 LEADING PROSPECT 35 Mrs J Goodfellow 5-11 7

7 P PAR AVION 76 A Denson 7 11-7

8 Storey
M Dwyler
7 P PAR AVION 76 A Denson 7 11-7

8 TARILETON'S OAK 1061F J Love 9 11-7

9 -0P6 BRIGHT POLLY 35 J Haldang 6-11-2
10 552 ASWAMEDH 49 P Hobbs 4-11-0
11 35 CORSTON RACER 123 Denys Smith 4-11-0

12 2055 NATIVE CROWN 9F Miss L Perreit 4-11-0

13 00 REIMIND ME ON 8 J Wade 4-11-0
14 0083 TOUCHUNG TIMES 4 J Gillen 4-11-0
15 944 HAMILTON LADY 4 D Moltan 4-10-9
19 J Moftan 17

3-4 Additional Lat 5-1 Advanced to 12 Dentes Informs 8.1 Nature

94 Addington Lad, 5-1 Aswamedh, 6-1 Dante's Interno 8-1 Native Crown, 12-1 Corston Racer, Hamilton Lady, 16-1 others

4.20 w GREEN THE SCOTTISH LAW PUBLISHER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,705: 3m) (8) ***PUBLISHER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,705: 3m) (8)

1 343F J-J-HÉNRY 29 (£0,F,G,S) P Beaumoni 33 12-0

Mrs. A Parrell

2 114P SIRE NANTAIS 11 (F,G,S) K Burke 8-11-13 G McCourt

3 0541 KIRSTY'S BOY 12 (£0,F,G,S) Mss. L Perrall 9-11 /

4 04SP TARTAN TAILOR 11 (£0,F,G,S) G Richards 11-11-6

MUNiverses

5 4180 RONANS BIRTHDAY 20 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 10-11-1

E Hands

6 2143 NAUTICAL JÖKE 48 (D,BF,F,G,S) W A Siepherson

13-10-11 K Johnson

7 4084 St ACK 49(D,BF,G,S) J Cauciton 10-10-0

7 3P53 BLACK SPUR 12 (D,F,Q.S) J Charlton 10 10-0

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: Mass L. Perratt, 4 warners from 8 runners, 50 %, N Tinkler, 10 from 22, 45 5%; C. Weedon, 5 from 14, 35 7%, M Harmsond, 7 from 25, 28 0%; G. Moore, 16 from 59, 27 19, J. Galen, 3 from 12, 25 0%, JOCKEYS: G. McCourt, 13 wanners from 30 rides, 43 3%, C. Maude, 3 from 74, 25 7%; R. Hondge, 4 from 16, 25 0%, C. Grant, 22 from 101, 21.8%

HURDLE (£2,150: 2m) (8)

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1 -015 ARCTIC SAYLIGHT 107 (CD F.S) G Remarct 9.17 or G McCourt
2 1125 CROSSHOT 20 (D.F.G.S) A Action (6.55) A Kildnes
3 3041 PERSIAN HOUSE 15 (D.G.S) J Jetterson 5.11 or M Dwyer 4 P143 ALL WELCOME 11 (D,BF,F G S) S Macro 5 11: M Dwyer 5 5641 PERSUASIVE 11 (CD C S) Most Ferral (5.11 5 C Grant 6 0000 SRIVLIAYA 28F (D,F) Ms & Revole, 5 13 5 R Hodge (5) 7 5554 BURN BRIDGE 8 (B.D.BF F) M Hammond 6 10 4 8 124- CHANTRY BARTLE 348F (D.BF.F) C Incomes 6 (6).
D Williamson

4.50 WATSON BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP

5.20 TOTE CREDIT NOVICES CHASE

(£2,282: 2m) (8) 183PR FOOSVILLE 39 (0.6) J Charlton 11113 B Stores
2-22P ARPAL BREEZE 151 (D.G) G Benardt 113
3 06P4 BELLOFAGUS 11 K Oliver 1-112 T Fee J
4 PP-P DIVINE CHARGER 8 (F) S Leachengt 6 117
C Hawkins 5 P006 DUBALEA 47 (D.F.St il Haktane 5-11-5 C Hawkins 6-005P PILLIOND WOOD 12 (B CD.P) 6 Moore 11-3 U Calagnan 5-11-5 SILVER HELLO 60 (Ass. L Penalt 6-11-1 C O Hard 8 0 CHARMING GALE 12 No. 5 Bracturing (11-5 P Wilders 7

6.20 CHARLES CAMPBELL MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1.968: 3m) (4)

1 3414 SWEET CITY 12 (S) G Richards 7 11 12 J Murphy (7) 2 0116 MCNARU 66 (BF F G) MY G Revalle 4 105 N WISSON (7) 5 P323 FETUCCINE 4 P) W A Skepher con 5 106 A Thomson (7, 4 08PP SKRCCAT GREEN 41 P Resument 7 106 Mrs & Famul (3) 64 Morans, 74 Sweet City, 114 Februario, 50 I Skircoat Grown

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5.35 Agarb. 6.05 Market Leader. 6.35 The Hidden Chy. 7.05 Raba Riba. 7.35 Raise An Argument 8.05 Cream And Green.

THUNDERER 5.35 Agarb. 6.05 New Halen. 6.35 The Hidden City. 7.05 Raba Riba. 7.35 No Escort. 8.05 Eric's Train. Brian Beel: 7.35 Raise An Argument.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

5.35 PRATTS CLUB NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,235; 2m 5f) (18 runners)

1 2101 ABARB 18 (8,0) K Belley 7:11-9 ... A 5 Smith
2 0581 ROYAL SAXON 64 (6) Miss H Kright 6-11-9 J Octome
3 5300 JUST A WONDER 18 (V.CD.) 8 Chretten 6-11-4
MAGGORAGE (7)
4 0POP CLARES HORSE 27 J Upon 5-11-2 ... R Supple
5 WINE CLARES HORSE 27 J Upon 5-11-2 ... R Supple
5 WINE CLARES HORSE 3 W Brittoning 7-11-3

D Wynne (7) B DOM: CCHAMORITY BROKEN 1 W Brebzerne 7-11-2

8 F9PU CRAIG-Y-BWGAN 2 Mrs J Evens 8-11-2

8 Mywne (7)

8 F9PU CRAIG-Y-BWGAN 2 Mrs J Evens 8-11-2

8 My DOM: September 1 My Down 1 Mrs J Evens 8-11-2

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9 OF DEPRING CANUTE 48 D Exide 5-11-2

N Williamson 1 D4 MDRIARTY 38 R Pice 5-11-2

10 MDRIARTY 38 R Pice 5-11-2

11 BED MY SON JOHN 32 Peccots 6-11-2

12 SED MORNTAIN MASTER 2 N I My DOWN 1 Mrs 20 Mrs

6.05 BROMFIELD SAND AND GRAVEL HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,415: 2m 41) (10)

HANDICAP CHASE (22.415: 2m 4f) (10)

1 UDB NEW HALEN 16 (D.F.6.5) A James 11-120 R Bellemy
2 there ANOTHER SCHEDULE 2 (F.6) C Brooks 11-114

3 58P6 HEADIN ON 9 (D.F.6) Mrs P. Joynes 12-11-2 T Wash
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4 570 MARKET LEADER 28 (C.F.6) R Lee 12-10-13 E Termy (5)

1 405 METEL FRATHER 38 (D.F.6) J King 11-104
C Lieuchyn
8 58R1 BLTLERS PET 4 (F.6.5) C CHAIL 13-108 ... I Harwy
1 484 SUPER EDY 9 (D.F.) J Brooky 10-108 ... I Harwy
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B 08-0 CABH CRUSS 12 (P) A Baron (3-10-3. H Daviss B 08-0 CABH CRUSS 14 (P) A Baron (3-10-3. B Burrough 10 13-2 SERIOZHA 205 (D) P R Curis 9-100. D Morts 7-2 Another Schedule, 9-2 Jay-Zee Boy, 5-1 Market Lassier, 8-1 Meter Peathers, 7-1 Seriozhe, 12-1 New Halen, 16-1 Butters Pet.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: N Henderson, B winners from 23 tunners. 34.8%; R Price, 4 from 17, 23.5%; Mrs S Cliver, 7 from 30, 23.3%; O O'Ned, 5 from 26, 23.1%, 8 Christian, 4 from 20, 20.0%, R Lee, 10 from 56, 1.7%. JOSCKEYS: S Burrough, 4 womens from 12 rides, 33.3%, G Bradley, 6 from 19, 31.6%; R Guest, 4 from 18, 22.2%, R Durtwoody, 12 from 72, 16.7%; J Osborne, 3 from 21, 14.3%, D J Burched, 5 from 38, 13.9%.

☐ Captain Dibble's disappointing performance in the Irish National at Fairyhouse on Monday was attributed to a bruised shin sustained during the race.

6.35 LUDLOW RACECOURSE BOOK-MAKERS SELLING HURDLE (\$1,035: 2m) (16)

1 5153 GRONDOLA 14 (M.D.P.) D Burchell 5-11-13
D.J Burchell 2 1422 THE HIDDEN CITY 18 (D.BF.Q) C Trientine 6-11-10
3 3P00 FALLAND 14 (D.P.R Brotherion 6-11-5) D Britchwell
5 3B00 FALLAND 14 (D.P.R Brotherion 6-11-5) D Britchwell 73
4 0330 CHRISTMAS HOLS 34 (M.) J Boeley 6-11-4 M F J Jenics (7)
6 3Q0 LITTLE BIG 14 C Broad 5-11-4 M T J Jenics (7)
7 OP NOELE PARTNER 11 M EXHIP 5-11-4 M T J Jenics (7)
8 PSP COUMESSURY LANE 48 (B.P. Jonne 6-10-13 G Upon 10 4850 HARVEST SPLENDOUR 9 H Harper 5-10-13 G Upon 10 4850 HARVEST SPLENDOUR 9 H Harper 5-10-13 L Harvey 11 00PF HOPEA 28 M Berrachup 6-10-13 M K Green 11 SPT UP 13 J Thomas 4-10-12 M K Green 11 SPT UP 13 J Thomas 4-10-12 M K Green 11 4 534 CATUNDRA 13 Ms A Knight 4-10-7 S Wynns (7)
15 064 GLOWING MANTLE 11 R Psecoch 4-10-7 S McNell 16 L000 PETITE MELLSRIS 11 N Smith 4-10-7 L P Leach 3-4 The Hadden City, 5-1 Catungra, 13-2 Grondous, 8-1 Little Big.

7.05 TOTE CREDIT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,070: 3m) (9)

1 -DBU MASTER MUCK 32 (8) N Tweston-Device 9-11-10

7.35 ACTION RESEARCH HUNTERS

1 P1PP NO ESCORT S (D,F,G) Miss C S

8.05 D J PROFILES NOVICES HANDICAP

2-1 Cream And Green, 7-2 Enc's Train, 6-1 Ol De Low, 6-1 Lucky Blue, War Beat, 10-1 Green's Seego, 12-1 lung's Shrieng

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Warwick

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Going: good to soft
1.45 (1m) 1. Handsome Gent (J Rekt. 161); 2. Set Table (10-1); 3, Green Lane (15-8
fav), 15 ran. 2½1, 1½1, Lord Huntingdon.
7ote: 22:130; 23:90, 52:20, £1:80, DP:
Bit 20 CSF: £159:09
2.15 (77) 1. Certain Lady (C Hawkeloy,
20-1); 2. Hand On Heart (17-2); 3, Man Of
The Season (5-2 fav) 20 ran 2, 1½1 G
Blum. Tote: £7:60; £3:39, £2:50, £1:80
DF: £75:80, CSF: £188, 14, After stewards'
enquiry, result stood.
2.46 (1m) 1. Majboor (W Carson, Evens
fav), 2. Polish Blue (8-1); 3, Unforgiving
Minute (16-1); 15 ran. 61, 51 P Walvyn.
Tote: £2:30, £1:30, £2:00, £3:50, DF£4:00, CSF: £8:09
3.16 (1m) 21 169yd) 1, Nuez (M Roberts,

\$4.00. CSF: 28.09

3.16 (Im 21 168yd) 1, Nuez (M Roberts, 14-1), 2, Hebridean (33-1), 3, Pavoris (4 9 fav) 14 ran. 21, 81 C British. Tote: 58.80; 52.10. E7.50, £1.10. DF. £125 20. CSF: 2352-50.

3.45 (Im 41 115yd) 1, Matador (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Merry Marigold (20-1); 3, Clear Light (14-1). Rare Dates 9-4 fav. 9 ran. 14-1, etc. 14-10. Rortton Tote: £5.90; £2.00. £2.90, £3.00. DF: £32.90 CSF: £65.92 Tricost. £300.81 E65.92 Triceat. E330.61

4.15 (5)) 1, Zuné Warrior (Paul Eddery, 5-1), 2, Crusade (2-1 lav); 3, Daylona Beach (14-1) 14 ran, Hd. 11/el. 6 Lewis. Tote: \$7.50; £2.50, £1.80, £5.20. DF: C8.50 CSF: c16.35

4.45 (7) 1, Tender Moment (M Roberts, 9-2), 2, Pimsboy (12-1); 3, Old Comrades (14-1); 4, Scottesh Bernol (14-1); Phenan's Dancer 4 lav 20 ran, 71, 21, nk C Britam, Tote: £7.60; £2.00, £3.40, £4.80, £3.40, £4.80, £3.40, £4.80, £3.40, £4.80, £3.41, £4.82, £3.41, £4.82, £3.41, £4.82, £3.41, £4.82, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41, £4.83, £3.41,

slood Piacepot:£67.40.

Chepstow Going: good

2.00 (3m hdle) 1, Spring To It (P Scudamore, 4 1). 2, Keepoli-The Grass (5 1) 3, Fantasy World (50-1), Ebony Gale B-4 law 17 ran NR* Ercall Miler, Gray's Ellergy 10, 251 M Pipe Tote, 12.40, 12 30, 11 80, 20 20 DF 18.00 CSF, 123.63. 230 (2m ch) 1. Cyphrate (P Scudamore Evens), 2. Beach Road (10-11 fav), 2 ran 3°cl M Pipe. Tole £1 50
3.00 (2m 41 ch) 1. Cache Fleur (P Scudamore, 17-2), 2. River Bourily (7-2 fav) 3. Eastshaw (5-1) 8 ran 5/3 M Pipe Tole £5.20, £1 80, £1 80, £2 40 DF £15 90
CSF. £34.81 Tricasi £147 53
3.30 (2m 44 hole) 1. Auvillar (6 Dunwoody, 2-1) (flav Private Handleapper's top rating), 2. Vado Via (7-2), 3. Dormers Delight (2-1) (flav) 10 ran Hd, 20 0
O'Neul Tole, £2.60, £1.30, £1 40, £1.40.
DF-£5 30 CSF, £9.65, Winner bought in tor 5.200gns.

\$2.13 4.30 (3m hdle) 1, Capability Brown (J Lower, 14-1) 2, Crazy River (6-1) 3, Emerald Sursel (10-1) Vagog 11-4 lav 15 ran 6, nk. M Pipe Tote 1370 (13-6) 2, 60 6.3 40 DF 649 80 CSF \$115.81 Treast \$1,063.54 Placepot: £62.80,

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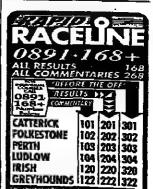
Going: good (good to soft in places)
2.20 (3m indie) 1, My Chiarre (1 Wall, 8-1);
2. Victor Bravo (100.30); 3, Ard Thatleh (12-1); Bucharint 11-4 hav 14 ran. NR.
Coptord, Mr Setapote, 41, 21-1; P Bevan Tote (300, 12 r0, 21 80, 12 80) DF£12.10. CSF £33 42
2.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, Tidden Park (N Smith, 5-1; Thanderer's napt, 2, Kicoursey (20-1);
3. Salcombe Harbou (2-1 fev), 10 ran. 41, 25); J Parkes Tote: £5.90, £1.70, £4 10, £1 60 DF£235 17
3.20 (2m 4f indie) 1, Mariners Mirror (5 McNeil, 5-1); 2, Volcanus Dencer (4-1), 3, Viscount Tuthy (5-1) Chreston 7-2 fev 8 ran. NR Fleurcone NR, 11-11 M Scudamore Tote, £5.30; £1.50, £ LTT AU LIST, ES6.45 4.20 (3m 2l ch) 1, Mount Argus (Mr S Brookshaw, 5-6 tav); 2, Ferrenrory (6-1), 3, Roving Seat (19-2) 6 ran 2, 15l. S Brookshaw Tote £1 50, £1.50, £2.90, DF, £8.00 CSF £6.64 E6 00 CSF : 05 64 4.50 (2m 41 ch) 1. Two Step Rhythm (S McNeil, 7-2); 2. Hot Company (9-1); 3. Fest Cruise (3-1 fav) 11 ren 12, 15; J McConnochie Tote: 23 60 £1 90, £2.30, £1 60 DF £29 50 CSF £33.08

15.20 (2m fast) 1, Row Ree (Mr M Hourigan, 15-2), 2, Teremoss (11-1), Valneu (2-1 tav) 16 ran, &d, sh hd P Hobbs, 10st: \$12.00, \$23, 10, \$2.50, \$1.70, DF \$27, 40, \$C\$F* \$100.57

19 10 CSF £31 79 Tricast £56 75 4.40 (2m st 100-d ch) 1 Pacilic Sound (J Callaghan, 16-1), 2 Wast 1 ou There (12-1) 3, Good Tonic (3-1) Hone Street 5.21a, 7 ran 291 hd Mis 5 Smith Totic £5 30 £4 60 £3 70 DF £122 10 CSF £144 65 5.10 (2m hole) 1 Gallatieen (#) Dwyor 100 30 hale) 2 E-plotice Speed (9-2) 3 kodaw (20-1) 14 ran 188 Chiefs Babu, Look Who s Talking 2°21 101 G 6 Richards Totic £3.80 £1 60 £1 80, £5 00 DF £6 60 CSF £17 24 Placepol. \$250.40.

> ☐ Arazi worked ten furlongs left-handed round Chantilly racecourse yesterday under Steve Cauthen. Francois Boutin said afterwards: "I have no special comment to make about that gallop except to say that his preparation continues apace."

Blinkered first time FOLKESTONE: 245 Ednago Bay 315 Duplicity CATTERICK BRIDGE: 2.00 Palacegate King, Midnight Lass 330 Lady St Lawrence, Victor Romeo



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Ice hockey depth on display

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Slam was named the divi-Sion's player of the year. Paul Smath, of Durham Wasps, is the coach of the year ALL STAP TEAM AND METORS AND DECEMBER AND TEAM A

Ramsay injured

Hockey: Airson Ramsay, the the Captain of the Great Bessin women's Olympic training squad will be out of action for 21 least four weds with a broken left hand

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Hudson heralds arrival of new generation



African opening batsman, his part.

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Played himself into the He thus became the first record books with his obdurate two-day innings against West In-dies stretching over eight hours and 41 minutes, yet he still can-not quite believe it has hap-pened. He has lived most of his 26 years in awe of Procter, McGlew and other famous South African Test cricketers of 20 years and more ago, and finds it hard to accept that he is now

They were gods," he reflected, sitting in the pavilion at Kensington Oval mursing a seriously bruised knee while his colleagues engineered a West In-dies collapse in the second innings and the probability of a victory that will halt the traffic when South Africa arrive back in Johanneshuser or Friday more Johannesburg on Friday morning. And it would not have happened but for Hudson's 163, including 20 fours, off 384 balls

South African to score a century on his Test debut, if we exclude Kepler Wessels, who did so while temporarily being an Australian. Fluction finds is difficult to measure either his own performance or that of the team; yet he, and they, have re-emphasised a fa-miliar quality of South Africa sport, that of being resolute The way I felt about them | the

older Test players] I could never imagine being up there with them," Hudson said. "Yet perhaps we are there with the great Springbok teams of the past. We've not been around that long and it seems too soon, almost

There was nothing unreal about his batting against some of the world's fastest bowling. On his way to his century he hit

Yet he admits he doubted beforehand if the achievements of "After being beaten so badly in it was going to be tough to lift our morale," he said. "I felt I'd been batting well personally, but getting out at crucial periods when trying to force it."

There were other doubts. "I wasn't sure how I would last mentally in a five-day game, but I was really looking forward to the chance of playing a patient innings, of just staying there," he said. "I was happy with my concentration, and didn't have to think about it once I got out there. It was satisfactory to get in a groove, and just play each ball on its merits." The longest that Hudson had

previously batted was half an hour short of a full day, for Natal in the Currie Cup, with 184 not out against Transvaal on his home ground of Kingsmead in Durban. He was born at Eshowe in Zululand, an hour from Ulundi, where his father worked on irrigation for a British company in that beautiful pastoral ountryside. When he was 18 they moved to Ballito near Durhan, and last year he qualified in marketing and industrial psychology at the University of

During the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand, he had felt under pressure, being the replacement opener for Jimmy Cook, yet had an average of 37 from 206 runs. Test existest was from 296 runs. Test cricket was going to be something different.

"I was very apprechensive"

the barrage of four fast bowlers, but never for a prolonged period. and I had no idea how the shortpitched ball would play on this wicket, which I had been warned was quick and bouncy. At the beginning it's always a bit of a lottery, but once the adrenalin was going. I found I wasn't out of my depth."

nly the immature would dismiss as irrelevant Hudson's religious beliefs, and he considers these have deepened since the World Cup. He feels at peace with himself, he said, being unworried about getting out and able to go to the wicket with a clear mind. "I know that the end result will be what it's meant to be. If it's my day to get a duck, so be it, but it [my belief] has given me a positive outlook."

Having just experienced what West Indies regard as an attack

with one hand tied behind their back by the new regulation one bouncer per over per batsman - Hudson tries to stand back and take an objective view. "In the past, West Indies could just bounce it all day, and that's not cricket. In this match, especially if they bounced one early in the over, you then knew the bowler would be pitching it up in the rest of the over and you could concentrate on the line. Talking to Robin Smith, he'd told me how batsmen tended to become negative and then get out, so the change is good. Certainly for butsmen."

Hudson will spend the next four or five months looking for a job in marketing at home. though he would not be immune to an offer in English county cricket. Yet, fundamentally he considers cricket is no more than a stepping stone towards his career. He has just taken one

Openers ease Leicestershire to target

Wells cashes in as Gloucestershire batting crumbles

CHELTENHAM (Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire (2pts) beat Gloucestershire

TWO years of management by high-profile overseas coaches has ended for both Gloucestershire and Leicestershire. Many have not mourned their going. The truth, perhaps, is that Eddle Barlow and Bob Simpson were never fully accepted in the shires and, on yesterday's evidence, neither has left his

successor a generous legacy.
Gloucestershire are now coached by Andy Stovold and

Leicestershire by Jack Birkenshaw. Two sounder old pros you could not wish to meet. But, while Birkenshaw will have taken encouragement from this one-sided contest, Stovold may be relieved he was absent.

A goodish crowd came to the charming Arie Court ground, which Gloucestershire are using for the first time. Long before the end, however, they were streaming away, mumbling and grumbling. By the time Bristol's new facilities open mid-summer, Gloucestershire's season could be all but over.

McCague adheres to Foster's plan

CANTERBURY (Somerset won toss): Kent (2pts) beat Somersel by 37 runs

IN OUTLINING his expectations for this season, Datyl Foster. Kent's Australian coach, was adamant that Martin McCague simply had to take wickets in more plentiful numbers. So yesterday he did just that, finishing with five for 43 and on the win-

ning side. McCague, born in Northern Ireland, was with Foster in Western Australia, joining him in England last year. For one reason or another, mainly injuries, he took just 16 championship wickets. Yes-terday, he helped Kent win a Benson and Hedges Cup match that for much of the

Somerset had needed 232 to win. Their innings was often laborious: Hayhurst spent 36 overs making 37 and although Harden atoned for this with 76 from 99 balls, his best score in this competition, the lower order had to bat in light that was never

McCague who broke through the middle order at a lively fast-medium, aithough his wickets of Tavare and Bartiett were owed to one-day

swings. Somerset were unfortunate in that Lathwell came in all too late, having strained a muscle in the field. Earlier, Kent's innings had resembled the curate's egg. The good parts did not manifest themselves until after lunch, when Kent had reached 89 for four off 39

overs. From the last 16 they made 142. Fleming and Longley batting with a freedom that had not seemed possible. There had been some help for Somerset's medium-pacers in the morning. Rose,

MacLeay and, especially, Caddick, had given nothing

Rarely can Mallender have been treated as he was after lunch. Fleming smote him for four sixes in the arc between mid-wicket and long-on. One was held by Hayhurst, but only as he was falling over the boundary rope. Fleming fin-ished with 69 from 51 balls.

The biggest cheer from the local following was reserved for David Lawrence, painfully ascending the pavilion staircase at the end. Lawrence rence is hoping to play again by August but it is a lonely shaft of hope for a side alarmingly short of quality. Leicestershire's problems,

last year, were compounded by injuries. Alan Mullally, their Australian-born Englishman, was one such suf-terer but his eight overs yesterday cost only eight runs and, if his fitness stands up.

be will reiterate the benefit of left-arm seam bowling.

David Milins, powerfully built and with a pleasing ac-tion, also impressed as Gloucestershire, put in on a damp pitch, made such heavy weather of it that, after ten overs, they were six for two. A total of 110 barely constituted

a recovery. Simon Hinks, newly registered from Kent in begun to wonder what he had let himself in for, especially when his erstwhile teammate, Vince Wells, began a decisive spell by knocking back Athey's off stump.

Wells scarcely got a bowl for Kent but here, maintaining an off-stump line, he was scarcely hit off the square in taking three for 13. A glance at Tony Wright, the Gloucestershire captain. Was enough to indicate his thoughts on some of the strokes.

Three left-handers resisted. Justin Vaughan, an enterprising capture from New Zealand on the strength of his Hereford birth certificate. and Jack Russell both spoiled good beginnings with inarpropriate shots but Andy Babington was uncomplicated, hitting Millns for three

consecutive fours. Boon and Briers may not be the most appealing opening pair to watch but their diligence was suited to the pitch and, the promising off spin of Martyn Ball apart, Gloucestershire's stereotyped seam attack had nothing with which to disturb them.



yesterday. Glamorgan, however, won by four wickets. Report, page 26

Moody assumes the mantle

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

ALTHOUGH Ian Botham has departed for pastures new, Woroestershire still have a match-winner or two, as they showed when they made a successful start to their defence of the Benson and Hedges Cup by bearing Derbyshire by 68 runs at New

Road yesterday. A useful total was transformed into a formidable one on a slow pitch by the Australian, Tom Moody, who made an unbeaten 70 from 74 balls. He and Lampitt plundered 64 from the final seven overs. Phil Newport then

weighed in with five wickets for 31 as Derbyshire were bowled out for 164. Martyn Moxon, the York-

shire captain, held the catch which separated the Warwickshire last-wicket pair at Edgbaston when they were four short of victory with five balls remaining. Twose and Munton had already added 21 runs for the tenth wicket. Jarvis, with four for 34, did most to undermine Warwickshire as they pursued a target of 189. Wicketkeeper Richard Blakey held five carches. Sussex, having upset Not-

tinghamshire in the Sunday League, carried on the good work by squeezing home by eight runs against Sourcy at Hove while there was a more routine success, by seven wickets, for Middlesex over the Minor Counties, who found Emburey too much of a handful. A defiant inrings of 96 by Scotland's opening batsman, Bruce Patterson, could not prevent a North-

at Forfar.

Nottinghamshire have awarded a county cap to their baisman, Paul Pollard.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-61, 3-72, 4-87, 5-87, 5-87, 7-126, 8-126, 9-147

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bat. PALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-80, 3-167, 4-169, 5-206, 6-212. BOWLING: Bee 7-0-22-0; Dutties 10-1-36-1; Shersdan 10-1-40-0, Rusself 7-0-30-0; Reset 10-0-48-1, Goven 11-1-55-4.

Total (8 =kts. 58 overs)

S Africans wary of letting the advantage slip

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

FURTHER dramatic twists and turns will be necessary in the remaining two days of the Test match here if West In-dies are to avoid defeat against South Africa in what has already been an eventful game. Jimmy Adams, play-ing his first Test, is the last of the recognised batsmen left as West Indies start today's fourth day 101 runs ahead, with only three second-in-nings wickets remaining. South Africa carefully

avoided any hint of complacency on the rest day yester-day and every one of their batsmen opted for voluntary nets. Alan Jordaan, the team manager, admitted that they would not want to be faced by a target of much more than 150 on a pitch from which the ball has started to come through at different heights. They will consequently be relieved that Kepler Wessels, the captain, will be fit to bat despite dislocating a veterbra in his neck ducking a bouncer from Ambrose on Sunday. The bone was put back dur-

The fact that Wessels batbelief that his players have a determination and character which more than atones for any shortcomings. Mike Procter, the eeach, took the same line, having always felt the South Africans were more saited to five-day cricket and that the 3-0 success West Indies gained in the one-day series had little relevancy for the Test march.

The Lara incident, inevitably, remained a talking point, even though the West Indian did not stay long after being given not out when he disfoot as he completed a leg glance. Procter was asked if Lara should have walked. "Batting is an individual thing and a player is quite entitled not to walk," he said. Both umpires said later they were watching the ball

lodged a bail with his back

after Lara gianced a single against Bosch and failed to see what caused the bail to fall to the ground. With the wicketkeeper standing back, and no wind blowing, it was an incident from which Lara emerged with little credit.

Lara was clearly shown to be out on television replays seen by Raman Subba Row, the match referee, and Lloyd Barker, the stand-by umpire, in the pavilion, who were powerless to intervene. Subba Row's personal view was that the International Cricket Council would have to consider whether it should allow the umpires to seek offfield guidance in similar cir-

West Indian officials estimate that the boycott by local spectators, which has kept attendance for the first three rather than the anticipated 30.000, has cost them more than £60,000. Peter Short. the Barbados Cricket Association president, fears that it could also threaten the future of Kensington Oval as a Test

Most future tours to the Caribbean are expected to comprise Test series of only three matches and the boy-"introduced a new element" when Barbados's claims to host a Test came to be

WEST INDIES: First landings 252 (K L T Arthurton 59, D L Haynes 58). Second Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 246, 3-68, 4-120, 5-129, 6-184, 7-174,

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A C Hudson b Benjamin
K C Wessels c Adems b Ambrose
F N Kinsten c Lars b Benjamin
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H P Sneel cut out.

M W Pringle c Watsh b Adems
A A Donald at Williams b Adems
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T Bosch not out.

Limpires: D M Archer and B U Bucknor.

YACHTING

New Zealand beaten in desperate finish

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

AS THE America's Cup contenders enjoyed a well carned break from racing yesterday, most were reflecting on Monday's remarkable battle between Italy's Il Moro di Venezia and New Zealand

The one-second victory awarded to Paul Cayard's II Moro crew leaves the challengers with one victory each in their best-of-nine finals. The two yachts were never more than three lengths apart during the 20-mile course. More often, it was a matter of

As the winds picked up from eight to 12 knots, the I Moro crew finally wore down its rivals on the last beat and held a three-length lead at the top mark. It was short-lived. The New Zealanders pulled. back the lost ground when the Italians fluffed a gybe and the two yachts ran line-

abreast for the finish. Dennis Conner is twodown in the defender trials after Bill Koch's America? dominated racing for the second day in succession.

Conner instigated a fierce 37strong tacking duel on the second beat but failed to shake the fast improving Koch team.

For the second day running, the challengers have beaten the American defenders on elapsed time. On Sunday, when the New Zealanders were locked in a series of fierce tacking duels against Il Moro, the margin was fourand-a-half-minutes. On Monday, when the defenders locked horns, the difference widened to ten-and-a-half minutes. Are the challe- gers

Not so, claims Koch. 'The challengers are sailing shorter courses. They are try-ing to throw us off. We did the same thing in the earlier rounds. Believe me on this one," he said yesterday.

RESULTS: Dehender trible (best of 13 rices). Race two: America? (W Koch) bt Stars & Stripes (D Conner). Imm 47aec. Overalt, America? 2. Stars & Stripes (I Challenger trible) (best of inter races). Page 6 to 10 them 2 them

Gioucestershire v Leicestershire

better than opaque.

CHELTENHAM (Leicestershire won tose): Leicestershire (20ts) best Glouces-tershire by 10 wickets GLOUCESTERSHIRE GLOUCESTERSHRE
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A J Wright b Milina
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J T C Yaughan c and b Benson
TR C Russell c Whitticase b Mulailly
T H C Huncock c Whitaler b Wels
M C J Balt c Boon b Wels
A M Smith c Whitticase b Persons
A M Babington c Benson b Potter
M J Gerard not out

FALL OF WICKETS 1-6 2-6 3-30 4-34, 5-45, 8-70, 7-70, 8-72, 8-109.

BOWLING: Multally 8-4-8-1; Millions 11-3-36-2: Parsons 3-50-13-1; Welfs 11-5-13-3; Benson 6-0-27-2; Potter 8-2-11-1. LEICESTERSHIRE

Total (47.5 overs) 110

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Kent v Somerset

CANTERBURY (Somerset won loss) Kent (2pts) beat Somerset by 37 runs KENT KENT
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"M R Bengen c Burns b Rose
N R Taylor b Hayhnast
G R Cowdray Ibw b Caddick
J! Longley b Rose
M V Flemming c MacLeay b Rose
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Total (7 wkts. 55 overs)

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Trump 11-1-38-0, Hayhurst 10-3 51-2
SOMERSET
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N A Maßender c Benson b Eatham
M Lathwell b McCague
H R J Trump c Ward b Eatham
A R Caddick not out FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-104, 3-173, 4-177, 5-179, 6-183, 7-185, 8-191, 9-183.

Umpires: J W Holder and M J Kitchen. Middlesex v

LORO'S (Micidlesex won tose): Micidlesex (2pts) beat Minor Counties by saven wickets MINOR COUNTIES

MJ Roberts b Weekes

§S N V Waterton c Brown b Williams

S J Deen c Fraser b Williams

N A Folland c Fraser b Emburrey

J D Love c Car b Sylvester

S G Plumb c Brown b Williams

S Geensword st Brown b Emburrey Total (9 wids, 55 overs) .. ____ 165 N R Taylor did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1.25, 2.79, 3.102, 4-102, 5-103, 6-134, 7-144, 8-152, 8-165 BOWLING: Williams, 11-2.25-3, Sylventer 11-131-1; Carn 5-0-21-0; Frauer 11-2-50-0; Weakes 6-2-13-1; Emburey 11-5-14-3.

MODULESEY

YESTERDAY'S BENSON AND HEDGES CUP SCOREBOARDS Total (3 wids, 42 overs)

P N Weeken, J E Emburey, N F Willems, R J Skms, A R C Freser and S A Sylvester did not bel. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-105, 1-155. 80WLING. Newman 11-3-35-1; Arnold 10-1-49-1; Taylor 10-1-43-1; Evens 6-0-26-6; Greensword 5-2-13-0. Gold sward: M A Rosebarry (Middlesex). Umpless: B J Meyer and R C Totchard.

Sussex v Surrey

HOVE (Surrey won toss). Sussess (20ts) best Surrey by eight russ SUSSEX K Gresnbeld c Stewart P Feithers 47 JW Hall c Feithern Becknell 81 1M P Speight c Brown ti Botting 14 "A P Wells c Bicknell b Feitham 61 F O Stephenson c Bicknell b Feitham 13 P Moores run out 1 JA North not out 11 B T P Donelan not out 9 Service (ID A w 1 to 2)

Total (7 wkts, 55 overs) 246 A N Jones and A R Hanslord did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS, 1-89, 2-112, 3-191, 4-197, 5-211, 6-212, 7-225. BOWLING: Bryson 11-0-62-0; Bickneff 11-0-55-1; Benjamin 11-0-59-1; Bolling 11-0-38-1; Feltham 11-1-28-3. SURREY

Yotal (8 wkts, 55 overs) 236

J E Benjamin did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS. 1-73, 2-146, 3-152, 4-153, 5-188, 6-189, 7-189, 8-224. BOWLING: Stephenson 11-0-54-2, James

9-1-43-1, Donelan 11-1-41-1; Pigott 11-0-38-3; North 5-0-20-0; Hanaford 5-0-30-1. Umpres G A Stokley and R A White Warwickshire v Yorkshire EDGBASTON (Manuschalum won tosa): Yorkshen (2pts) best Warwickshire by

YORKSHIRE Total (6 wids, 55 overs) 188

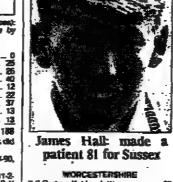
F J Hartley, D Gough and P W Jarvis did FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-50, 3-54, 4-90, 5-125, 5-144. 9-12-, 6-14-. BOWLING: Small 11-4-31-2, Manton 11-2-31-1; Moles 40-18-0, FA Smath 9-1-45-2, N M K Smith 11-4-21-1; Aut Dat 9-6-32-0 WARWKXISHIRE

Total (54.1 overs) 186 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-44, 3-66, 4-60, 5-128, 6-146, 7-156, 8-158, 9-764 5-128, 5-146, 7-196, 8-136, 9-196 BOWLENS: Larvier 11-1344; Googh 11-3-31-2; Hartley 10.1-3-32-3; Pictolet 11-0-55-0, Cardick 11-0-28-1 Gold exercit # J Blakey (Verlighting); Umpires. V A Holder and D R Shephand.

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T J G O'Gorman Bow b Newport

C J Adams of Rhodes b Newport

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O H Morriensen of Rhodes b Radford

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1 W Extras (b, 2, fb, 2, w.4) Total (9 witts, 55 overs). FALL OF WICKETS 1-26, 2-27, 3-30, 4-86, 5-74, 6-103, 7-190, 8-171, 9-173. BOWLING: Taylor 10-2-25-0: Walter 9-0-25-0 Penperthy 8-1-36-1, Capel 8-1-38-1; Curran 9-0-32-2: Waltanes 11-1-35-1. Exhas (b 1. to 12 w 9) 22

Hughes free to play out the season

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MANCHESTER United's I have always said we could hopes of winning the League title for the first time since 1967 improved yesterday when Mark Hughes earned a double reprieve from the ban which was expected to rule him out of their possible championship-decider. He will now be available for the home match against Tottenham Hotspur on May 2, the

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last day of the season. Hughes was booked for ungentlemanly conduct at Luton Town on Saturday, and the points appeared to take him beyond the 31-point margin which normally means an automatic onematch ban - ruling him out for May 2. But he picked up only two disciplinary points for the booking, leaving him one short of the banning margin. Also, under Football Association rules, players who are booked and pass the 31point mark after the second Sunday in April receive a warning instead of a ban.

With Bryan Robson, the United captain, still struggling with a calf problem -he will miss the match against West Ham United at Upton Park tonight clash and Paul Ince and Paul Parker likely to miss the rest of the season, Alex Ferguson, the manager, will need as much experience as possible.

A win tonight will take United back to the top of the table, ahead of Leeds United, and provide a much-needed boost after a shaky Easter, when they drew 1-1 at Luton Town and lost 2-1 at home to Nottingham Forest.

Ferguson is pinning his hopes on United's away form. "Although it looks as if it win the title away from home," he said. "We have got to bounce back and show a bit of moral fibre."

If West Ham fail to win, it will mean a return to the second division after just one season in the first, but Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, will not be at Upton Park for the match, preferring to spend the evening with his wife.

Ronnie Moran, Liverpool's stand-in manager, is de-manding a much better showing from his team at Nottingham Forest tonight, after their 4-0 defeat at Arsenal on Monday — the club's heaviest League defeat for nine years. "We are hoping the players have learned something from Arsenal," Moran said. "But I can't put their boots on and make them

Portsmouth could be boosted by the return of their winger, Darren Anderton, and forward, Guy Whitting-ham, for their second-division match against Watford at Fratton Park. Anderton has been suffering from back trouble; Whittingham has ry. Jim Smith, the manager, is hopeful they will be fit. Victory for Portsmouth would take them into the fourth play-off place, above Black-

In the fourth division, Burnley, the leaders, play Cardiff at Turf Moor in one of their three games in hand over the second- and thirdplaced sides. They will be looking to put points rather than goal-difference between themselves and Rotherham United and Blackpool.



Spark of hope: Hughes will be available for Manchester United's match against Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford on May 2 that could decide the destiny of this season's League title

SNOOKER

Taylor pays the ultimate price for ragged cueing

DENNIS Taylor, the 1985 world champion, became the fifth player from the top 16 to be eliminated from the first round of the Embassy world championship when he was beaten 10-6 by Mick Price, a qualifier from Nuneaton, vesterday.

Cueing as raggedly as at any time in his 21-year professional career. Taylor's vulnerability was obvious when he began the final session 5-4 behind. A controversial "miss" incident in the tenth frame, when Len Ganley, the referee, awarded live consecutive misses against Taylor, did linle to firm up his mental

After attempting to hit the final red - out of a snooker three times by taking a twocushion route, Taylor elected the simpler, one-cushion path. On two occasions, he narrowty failed to make contact with the red. Following the fourth miss, Taylor, an outspoken critic of the rule, was heard to say to Ganley: "This is scandalous".

Taylor lost that frame on the pink and the next to a 72 break from Price before he recovered to 7-5. Price, the world No. 82, is renowned for his tenacity, though, as he showed by moving four up with five to play. Taylor, lack-ing confidence after undoubtedly his worst performance at the Crucible, could not mount a fightback.
The logistical wisdom of

playing first-round matches over 19 frames, in two sessions, produced its annual criticism when Neil Foulds and Jason Ferguson, who began their final session at 10.30am, had their match suspended with Foulds lead-

After being prevented from achieving a result, Foulds and Ferguson were left with an agonising wait before resuming late last night following the conclusion of the first o two scheduled evening

Had Foulds, the world No.6, who established a 6-2 lead on Monday, not missed a straightforward pink off its spot in yesterday's opening frame, it is doubtful whether such a problem would have occurred. However, Ferguson, the world No. 108, won it on the black and levelled at 6-6 and 8-8 only for Foulds to edge one ahead with two to play while compiling a timely 76 break in the seventeenth frame. It was then that Ann Yates, the tournament direcplay with the match having already lasted 426 minutes.

Waddle's absence adds to the troubles of Marseilles

CHRIS Waddle, still limping from a kick on the ankle in last Saturday's 3-0 league win over Monaco, will miss Olympique Marseilles's French Cup quarter-final against Caen tonight.

Franck Sauzee will be the replacement for the English forward, who, according to yesterday's edition of the weekly magazine, Franceextra nine million francs (approximately £900,000) in agent's fees when he signed from Tottenham Hotspur three years ago. The magazine published details from the 1990 accounts after the Marseilles vice-president, Jean-Louis Levreau, had denied the club had ever used

an agent to sign players.
The accounts show Marseille paid out 17 million francs to third parties when they signed Waddle, the Brazilian defender, Carlos Mozer, from Benifca and Manuel Amoros, from Monaco, in the last five years. Marseilles is one of nine clubs being investigated for possible financial irregularities. Cannes, another of the nine, has just been handed a tax bill for five million francs.

after discovering irregular-ities in two transfer deals. Monaco, at least, received somthing to cheer them when the French League agreed to advance the final programme of the season, from May 2 to May 1 so as to give them more preparation for the Eu-

ropean Cup Wirmers Cup

final against Werder Bremen in Lisbon on May 6. Reikinti sud stage Europe's first matches in the long, arduous quest to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States. Both are at home to underdogs, Cyprus and Alba-nia respectively.

Although Spain beat Alba-nia 9-0 in December 1990, the national coach, Vicente Miera, is not taking victory for granted but he is, at least. encouraged by the goal-scoring form of Barcelona and Real Madrid, each of whom hit seven goals in their respective league matches last weekend. The coach has called up six players from Barcelona and four from Real, the league leaders, who, incidentally, may have seen

the last of Hugo Sanchez.

The Mexican forward has received a 70-day suspension

without pay following his lat-est dispute with Leo Beenhakker. The ban ends on June 30, the day that Sanchez's contract expires.

The player also received a one million-peseta (approximately £6,000) fine. Sánchez's row with the club's Dutch coach came to a head when the Mexican refused to travel as a substitute for last against Torino.

He has played only sporadically this season since returning from a near year-long knee injury on January 8. He has scored more than 280 goals since arriving in Spain li years ago.

Top 30 material

Tennis: Andrew Richardson, aged 18. of Lincolnshire, is likely to enter the world Junior top 30 after winning the singles and doubles titles at the Florence ITF world junior

Record to Galica

Speed skiing: Davina Galica broke her British record with a speed of 199.252kph to take fourth place in the French championships at Les Arcs yesterday.

21pts; 2. Botafogo, 14, 20; 3. Eragentine, 14, 19. (Top eight teams quality for the semificial stage)
BULGAPIAN LEAGUE: CSKA 3, Yentra O; Levsic Sofis D; Etur 1, Hebur 0; Chemomores 1, Lakomethe Gorna Cryshoritsa 0; Sofis D; Etur 1, Hebur 0; Chemomores 1, Lakomethe Gorna Cryshoritsa 0; Sofis Provide 1, Lakomethy Ploudis 1; Dobrudig 0; Sawla Sofis 0; Prin 1, Bence 0, Leading positions (sither 24 merichas): 1, CSKA 37pts; 2, Leveld Sofis, 35; 3, Botsey Provide, 3, Leveld Sofis, 3, Lev

Ecamen, 30 26.
CZECHOSLOVAKIAN LEAGUE: Speria Prague 3. Sparisk Hradec Kralove 0; Slavia Prague 4, Umon Cheb 0; Banik Ostrava 0; Bohemiana Prague 1; Speriak Timeva 1, Dulda Prague 0; DAC Dunejska Streda 2, Dynamo Ceske Budejovice 2; Sigma Olomouc 4, Dulda Benska Bystrica 0; Inter Bratislava 1. TJ Vitoovice 2; Tattan Presov 1, Slovan Bratislava 3, Leading positions (sitter 23 matches): 1, Slovan Bratislava 3, Leading positions (sitter 23 matches): 1, Slovan Bratislava, 42pts; 2, Sperte Prague, 36; 3, Sigma Olomouc, 35.

Panionica C, Panathinatica C;
Puniserratice 2, Apolice 1; Pleritice 2,
Corinfria 1; Olympiakos 0, Dous Dremae

0. Leccing positions (after 28 matches)

1. AEK Almens, 48pts;2, Penetrimatics,
41: 3, Olympiakos, 41.

HUNGARIAN LEAGUE: MTX-VM 1,
Pecsi Munise C; Vasse Buciecest 2,
BVSC-Noveg D; VAC-Samsung 2, Helectes

0. Tatabanys 2, UTE 2; Vosspers, 2, Rabs

Qyori Eto 1; Disegyor 1, Zelsegerszeg 1;
Bofok 0, Kiepel-Horved 1; Ferencyaros 2,
Videoton-Waitram D. Leading positions
(after 22 matches): 1, Ferencyaros, 30pts;
2, Kiepsel-Horved, 30; 3, Vac-Samsung,
28.

29. TALIAN LEAGUE: Ascoll 1, Caglieri 3; Porentina 1, Cramonese 1; Poggia 5, Verons 0; Genos 1, Bart 3; AC Mitan 1, Internscionaté 0; Napoll 3, Lazo 0; Perme 0, Atalants 0; AS Roma 1, Juvenius 1; Torino 1, Sampdonin 1. Leading positions (arier 29 matches) 1; AC Milen, 48pts; 2, Juvenius, 42; 3, Napoll, 38.

URUGUAYAN LEAGUE: Penerol 1, Balle Vista C; Nacional 1, Wandersta C; River Piste 3, Rentistas C; Defensor Sporting D, Liverpool C; Denublo 2, Cento 1; Racing 1, Progreso 1. Progreso 1.

YUGOSLAVIAN LEAGUE: Base Base
Luka 0, Volvodins Novi Sad 3; Zemun 2,
Buducnost Podgortca 1; Proleter
Zranjanh 1, Partzain Belgrade 1 (Partzain
won 6-3 on pens); Pelsiter Sitolj 2, Rad
Belgrade 1, Spartak Subobca 2, Radnicki
Nis 2 (Spartak won 4-2 on pens) Leading
positions: 1, Red Star, played 27, 41pts;
2, Partzain, 28, 38, 31, Vopvodina, 28, 32,
[Matches won on pens wen 1pt.]

Soznowse C: Legis Wholse 1, Alguene Soznowse C: Legis Werser 2, Zirwesz Bydgozoz C: Olimpia Poznan 0, Ruch Chorzove C: Huthik Krakov 1, Stat Salakow Wola 1; Motor Lubfin 3, Wesla Krakov 0; CSS Ralowies 0, Zeglebie Lubfin 1; Stat Melec 0, Lech Poznan 1. Pegrotour Dabics 0, Gernik Zabrzs 0. Lescing positions (effer 22 metches): 1, Lech Poznan, 35pts; 2, Gornis Zabrzs, 28; 3, GIS Katowice, 27. SPANISH LEAGUIE: Deportivo La Coruña 2, Real Burgos 2; Legrofée 2, Real Malioros 1; Sporting Geon 0. Real Sociedad 1; Sevilla 3, Real Zamagozo, Affelicia Stibeo 0, Real Oviedo 0; Real Vallaciold 0, Atlético Medrid 1; Caldiz 2, Cassuna 2, Barcelona 7, Albactre 1; Real Medrid 7, Español o; Tenerife 2, Valencia Leading positiones 1, Real Medrid; played 31, 46pts; 2, Beroelona, 31, 44; 3, Atlético Medrid; 3, 46].

Attation Medici, 30, #1

8WEDISH LEAGUE: Djurgarden 4, GAIS

0, FK Gothenburg, Norrioping 2,
Tralleborg 1, Mainno FF 0, Orebro SK 0,
Frolunds 0, Osters Vazio 1, AK Stockhelm 1, Leeding positions (after lour
metches): 1, Trelleborg, 10ptis; 2, Norrkoping, 7; 3, Osters Vazio, 5.

8WISS LEAGUE: Second phuses Neuchalts Kamax 5, Servette 1; Grasshopper
Zurich 0, Son 1; St Gelsen 1, FC Zurich 1;
Lausanna 1, Young Boys BSC 3, Leading
positions (after eight matches): 1, Son,
zépts; 2, Grasshopper Zurich, 23; 3,
Neuchâtet Xámax, 22, (Includes halfpoints from fart phese)

WORLD CLIP: CONCACAF prouse. WORLD CUP: CONCACAF group: Prelimbary qualifying round: First leg: Antigue 1, Netherlands Antites 1.

RFU seeks lighter workload for Best

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RUGBY UNION

RUGBY Football Union (RFU) officers emphasised yesterday that the request to Dick Best, the England coach, to sever his coaching links with Harlequins is no more than a recognition of the time-consuming demands placed by the game on

its leading practitioners. all countries and the solution forms part of a general over-haul that the RFU's coaching sub-committee is making of the national team management structure, from colts level upwards. While Best has objected to the necessity to terminate a 17-year association as player, captain and has also admitted that his role

is much reduced anyway.
"The fact that Dick's club is Harlequins doesn't come into it," Danie Serfontein, chairman of the RFU coaching sub-committee, said yester-day. "People do move to where the national coach is and we have got to be seen to be fair." Alan Davies, when reappointed coach to Wales, observed of Gareth Jenkins, the Llanelli coach acting as an assistant to the national

squad, that "there is a commitment and Gareth will have to make cenain decisions as to whether he can carry on at club level.

Jenkins said: "I am hoping we can resolve it satisfactorily, because I feel it is unnecessary for me to have to stop coaching the club if I carry on with the Welsh national

In England, the RFU has decided that a complete rewrite of the job specifications for team management and coaching is required.

"It will be written into the new terms of reference that the national coach cannot be a full-time club coach,' Seriontein sald. "I have told Dick that it's not feasible for him to do everything. His first attention must be to England, but there is nothing wrong with helping out occa-sionally at Harlequins . . . or any other club."

I reland, who leave for their tour of New Zealand a fortnight tomorrow, lost another player yesterday when Philip Lawlor, the back-row for-ward from Bective Rangers, who has been capped once, cried off with an ankle injury.

THE SECULO OF THE SECOND Ice hockey depth on display

The inland revenue acted

The competitive nature of the ice hockey premier division was evident yesterday when the six players named in the 1991-2 All Star team were from five teams.

Dan Dorion, of Notting-

ham, a forward in the All

Stars, was named the division's player of the year. Paul Smith, of Durham Wasps, is the coach of the year. INC CORCH Of LITC YEAT.

ALL STAR TEAM: J McCrone (Avr), D

Durdle (Norwich and Peterborough), M

O'Connor (Durham), R Brebant (Durham), A Hand (Murrayfield), D Dorlon
(Nottingham) Premier division player of
year: Den Dorlon. Coach of year: Paul
Smith (Durham Wasps), British hall of
tame Inductises: Frank Dempster, Lawrie
Lovell, Alec Goldstone

Ramsay injured

Hockey: Alison Ramsay, the vice-captain of the Great Britain women's Olympic training squad, will be out of action for at least four weeks with a broken left hand.

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"Alison should be able to participate fully at a training camp in Spain next month and at the tournament in Amsterdam on June 3 to 8," Dennis Hay, the Great Britain coach, said.

Fredericks runs

Athletics: Frankie Fredericks will run in the second leg of the Unity Games at the weekend, despite a claim by the sponsor that he had withdrawn after a payment dispute. A Games spokesman said yesterday the Namibian sprinter would arrive in Johannesburg tomorrow.

X-pected win

Yachting: X-Rated, a new X-512 owned and sailed by Richard Strompf, was expected to arrive in Manila in the early hours of this morning to win the Corum China Sea race from Hong Kong. Ireland Fling (Paul Winkelman) and Rapparee II (David Mc-Kenna) were reported as being in tenth and fourteenth places, respectively.

Family affair

Orienteering: Paul Hague and his sisters, Yvette and Sarah, will compete for Britain in the opening series of the World Cup in Sweden. Finland and Russia from May 9 to 16.

TEAM: Men: S Hete (OK Tyr), S Nicholson (Clydeside), S Palmer (Walton Chasers), D Peel (Clydeside), P Hague (Southern Navigators), Women: C Bolland (Edinburgh University), S Hegue (Merseyside), Y Hague (Leeds Arientees), J James (Southern Navigators), J Ramaden (Warner)

TENNIS

Borg warned that his credit may be spent

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

EVEN in one of the gambling capitals of the world, no credit is everlasting, and after his latest defeat, Bjorn Borg's account in Monte Carlo is on the verge of being closed for good. Yesterday, as Pete Sampras and three other seeds joined Borg on the sidelines, the tournament director of the Monte Carlo Open, Bernard Noat, hinted strongly that, after two abortive comeback attempts, the Swede would not have access to a free place in the tournament next year.

"Borg had been responsible for the success of the Monte Carlo Open in the early days," Noat said. "But it would be better for him to be like Ilie Nastase and enjoy himself on the terraces. If he wanted to come back again next year, I could not agree to give him a wild card as easily as I did this year. He would have to give a good reason for

getting one. "This year, he was more serious. He had a modern racket and had practised hard. But the result was not much better. I think he would be better in veterans' tennis." That was the gist of much of the advice that greeted Borg yesterday morning, and

if he does not choose to take it.

to shut unceremoniously in his face. That is, if they are not already jammed by the crowds flocking to the exit as they did long before the end of his defeat by Wayne Ferreira in the first round. Nothing, though, seems to shake Borg's belief that all he needs is time, and he has one more chance to prove everyone wrong, next week in Munich.

Sampras, the No. 2 seed, and Richard Krajicek will echo Borg's sentiments after failing to adapt their bigserving games to the foreign and more delicate requirements of clay. On faster surfaces, both

can use their services to get out of trouble. On clay, that is not so easy, and, having dug themselves into a hole, neither was able to find the ladder. Sampras lost the first five

games to Carl-Uwe Steeb in 15 minutes and, though he recovered a little thereafter, one break in the second set was enough to give the German a 6-3, 6-4 victory.

Krajicek, who has risen into the top 20 after his semi-final at the Australian Open and a final in Tokyo, looked thoroughly ill at ease in losing to Marc Rosset: ironically, the one man on the tour who can he might find doors starting outserve the big Dutchman.

FOOTBALL SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1.
Chisaders 1; Colerane 0, Ballymena 1;
Carrick 0, Distillery 3; Omagh Town 1,
Glenavon 0
Late results on Monday
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division:
Notts County 1, Sheffeld United 3.
Second division: Transmere Rovers 2,
Blackburn Rovers 2.

ATHLETICS BOSTON MARATHON: Men: 1, I Hussein (Ken), 2tr 08min 14sec; 2, J Pryheiro (Por), 2:10:39; 3, A Espinosa (Men), 2:10:44, 4, J Rangsia (Tan), 2:11 44; 5, J Rocha (Br), 2:11:53; 6, 8 Merande (Ken), 2:12:29 British piscing; 11, S Jones, 2:13:55 Women; 1, O Menhove (CS), 2:23:43, 2, Y Yamamtoto (Japan), 2:26:26, 3, U Pipoig (Ger), 2:27:12 British piscing; 12, A Roden, 2:37:34

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittaburgh Pirates
11. Montreef Expos 1: Chicago Cubs 8
Philadelphia Philles 3. Houston Astros 3.
Sen Francisco Giants 2: Attanta Braves
10. Sen Diego Padres 4. Los Angeles
Dodgers 6, Cincinnsti Rede 0.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Bitu-Jays
5. Boston Red Sox 4 (13 Innings):
Cieveland Indians 3, New York Yankers 1;
Baltrinors Orioles 12. Detroit Tigers 4;
Osidand A's 4, California Angels 3 (11 Innings), Seattle Mariners 2, Minnesota
Twins 0

BASKETBALL CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Play-offs: Semi-final: Middlasbrough 98, Brixton 88.

CYCLING

PARIS TO CAMEMBERT RACE (125 miles), 1, PERSUIT (77, SV 20min 17 sec. 2, M Screendri (11); 3, L Lebisne (77, both at Imin 17 sec. 2, M Screendri (11); 3, L Lebisne (77, both at Imin 17 sec. 2, L Came (77, both at Imin 18 sec., 2, U Reab (3cr.), at 2 min 18 sec., 3, O Ludweg (3cr.), 4, R Pagner (11); 5, J Niciam (Neth); 8, J Piencksert (8e), 7, J C Gorgalez-Salvedor (3cr); 8, P Siva (Por), 8, E Vanderserder (Bal); 10, O Rooriguse (Por), at same time Time trial (5 Sion); 1, Ludweg, 7min 08 sec; 2, 4, L Bezault (Fir), same time; 5, Niciam, at 15 sec; 6, T Durst (Ger) at 18 sec. Overait, 1, Ludweg, 11th 08 min 38 sec; 2, Hodrain, at 8 sec; 3, Bezault, at 13 sec, 4, Durst, at 16 sec; 5, A Martin (Sp), at 19 sec

HOCKEY BREAN FESTIVAL: Men: 1, Weston Torpids; 2, Brean. Women: 1. Plantoms, 2. Weston FOR THE RECORD

POLICESTOME PRESTIVAL Men: Corl. COI 0, Lloyds Bank 3: Charlont 31 Peter 1, Darington 3: Durham University 3, Old Churcherians 5: EU Thanasisms 5, Ox Politicians 0: Exeter University 4, Folketone Peecenwata 2, Cistonyilia 5, Nottingham University 2: Muppets 5, Nicosa Tramps 0: Cocknote 0, Royal Uckal 2: Birmingham University Mermalda 0, Old Dragora 8; Esstbrook Culverts 3, Folketone Coll. Insta 1: Selvyn College 1, Windymilians 2: Ghosta 0, OAPe 2; Impanal College 3, Nicosa Trampe 0; Berichamsted 1, United Hospitals 1.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pirst-round play-offs: Norris divisor: Mernecota North Stars 4, Detroit Red Wings 2 (North Stars load best-of-seven sanes 2-0); St Louis Blues 5, Chrasgo Backfrawka 3 (senes level 1-1). Smythe division: Varicouver Caracia 3, Winnipeg Jets 2 (senes level 1-1), Los Angeles Kings 8, Edmonton Oxiers 5 (series level 1-1).

MOTOR RALLYING

EASTÉR STAGES (Isle of Man): 1, M Rowe (Escort), 25mln 57sec; 2, O Campbell (Escort), 25:48, 3, S Bradshaw Campbell (Escort), 28-46, 3, \$ Bradshaw (Escort), 28-52acc. MILLBROOK \$TAGES (Bedfordshae); 1, D Tyndelf (MG Metro SR4), \$4min \$2acc, 2, M Humphry (Rover Vitessae), \$5-12; 3, C Faine (MG Metro SR4), \$5-17 HOB HEY \$TAGES (Lincokrshire), 1, \$7mill (Serra Coeworth), 1rr 20min 32acc; 2, B Colligan (Escort), 120-50; 3, N Gelsthorge (Doal Manta), 122-37 PROTEUS PETROLEUM BRITISH HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP (Loton Park, Stropches), 1, D. Graco (Pilbeam), 50,67 sec; 2, R Lane (Pilbeam), 50,73; 3, R Turchulf (Pilbeam), \$2,05.

MOTOR SPORT THRUXTON: British Formula Three championship (stopped after seven laps) 1, G de Ferran (B1), Reynard-Mupen, Bmin 25.42eac (117 48mph); 2, M van Hool (Neth), Reynard-Mupen, B.27 91; 3, P Deniz (Br), Reynard-Mupen, B.29.44, British houring car championship: 1, J Cleisand (GB), Veuchell Cavalier, 27.37.88 (102.31); 2, A Rouse (GB), Toyota Carna, 17.38.20; 3, J Alam (GB), Vauchell Cavalier, 27.38.291.

DRIENTEERING LAKE DISTRICT: Jan Kjelistrom inter-national festival: Men (15km and 14 7km). 1, 5 Hale (0K Tyri, 5hr 05min 24set total time; 2, 5 Palmer (Walton Chasers), 3.12-49, 3, D Peel (Harveys) 3:21.10 Women (8.5km and 9.1km); 1, Y Hague (Arrentears), 2:12-32, 2, C Bolland (Edinburch Univ), 2:25.57; 3, H Monro (Cambridge Univ), 2:37.20, Relays: Men (4 x 7.5km) 1, Clydesids (5 Nicholson, D Robertson, D Jones, D Peel), 2:52-35; 2,

Gavie (Swe), 3.02 17, 3. Southern Naviga-tors, 3:09:15 Women (3 - Skm) 1, Edinburgh Unit (L Boyd, K Bryen-Jones, C Bottent), 152-11; 2, Leeds Amenteers, 2:05:09; 3, Cambridge Univ, 2:05:44

SPEEDWAY GOLD CUP: First division: Coventry 48, Cradley Heeth 42, Swindon 47, Ipswerth 43 Second division: Newcastis 54, Glasgow 36
PREMIERSHIP: Second leg: Wolverhampton 50, Bradford 40 (Wolverhampton sm 98-94 on agg; BILL DORE TROPHY: Second leg: Reading 46, Coford 44 (apgregate score 90-90, trophy shared)
CHALLENGE MATCH: Kang's Lynn 42, Arena Essex 48.

SQUASH RACKETS

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TEAM CHAMP-IONSHIP: Qualifying rounds: Pool A: England bit Weles, 3-0 (England names first: J Rennie bit D Evans, 9-4, 9-0, 9-3, P Butler bit M Crowley, 9-1, 9-4, 9-2; J Tranfield bit K Bowen, 9-3, 9-3, 9-2. Pool B: Germany bit legal, 3-0, Pool C: Finland bit Switzerland, 3-0. Pool D: Ireland bit Norway, 2-1. **TENNIS**

TENNIS

MONTE CARLO: Men's tournament: First round: M Rossel (Switz) bx R Krajicek (Nett). 62, 64, A Cheenokov (CS) bt J Frans (Arg., 64, 62, A Volkov (CS) bt G Ozelde (Letvie), 5-7, 7-5, 6-2, ret'd, E Sánchez (Sp) bt O Delatite (Fr), 6-1, 5-0, K Novacek (C2) bt A Cherhasov (CS), 6-1, 6-4, R Furian (II) bt M Koevermens (Neth), 6-3, 6-4, A Krickstein (US) bt J Siemerink (Neth), 6-3, 7-5, T Nijesen (Neth) bt P Hasrhus (Neth), 6-3, 6-4; C Coste (Sp) bt G Perz-Roldan (Arg.), 3-1, ret'd; T Champion (Fr) bt H Skoff (Austria), 7-8, 6-2, J Sánchez (Sp) bt J Arrisse (Sp), 7-8, 6-2, J Sánchez (Sp) bt J Arrisse (Sp), 7-8, 6-2, J Sánchez (Sp) bt G Perz-Roldan (Arg.), 3-7, 6, M Larsson (Swe) bt P Korda (C2), 6-3, 6-3, C-U Steeb (Ger) bt P Sampres (US), 6-3, 6-4

5-4

SEOUL; Men's tournament: First round:
J Fitzgerald (Aue) of Song Hyeong-houn
(S Korl, 6-1, 6-3; S Stotle (Aus) bit M Damin
(C2), 6-3, 6-2; S Matsusice (Japan) bit H
Holm (Swe), 7-6, 6-3, T Woodfringe (Aus)
bit C Secsanu (Ger), 6-4, 6-1, P Lundgren
(Swe) bit G Connell (Can), 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; P
Kufmen (Ger) bit A Pavel (Florm), 6-3, 6-3

KUALA LUMPUR: Women's tournament: First round: N Medivedeva
(Ukraine) or A Hendriksson (Ukraine) or A Hendriksson (Bel), 7-6, 3-6
C Suire (Fr) bit S Wasserman (Bel), 7-6, 3-6
C, 7-5, P Nelson (US) bit A Carleson (Swe),
7-5, 6-2, M Jever (GB) bit E Sviglerova
(C2), 6-2, 8-4; A Streadova (C2) bit S
Testud (Fr), 6-3, 6-1, P Paradis-Mangon
(Fr) bit J Richardson, 8-3, 6-2, C Lindqivel
(Swe) bit Wang Shi-ting (Talwan), 6-2, 6-3;

MIDLAND BANK JUNIOR COUNTY CUP: Boys: Group one (Bournemouti) Hampature and KOW 6, Dorset 3, Kent 6; Hentlordehire 3 Gris Group two Bournemouth) Surrey 7, Hentlordshire 2, Essex 7, Dorsel 2

Essex 7, Dorsel 2
WTA RANKINGS: 1, M Seles (Yug), 2, 9
Gral (Ger), 3, G Sebetini (Arg); 4, M
Navratāova (US), 5, A Sanchez Vecarg
(Sp), 8, J Cepnati (US), 7, C Martinez (Sp)
8 M J Fernandez (US), 9, M MaleevaFragnière (Switz), 10, J Novotno (CS)
Money-winners: 1, Selez, 3467,864, 2,
Sabalan, 3427,452, 3, Sanchez Vicano,
386,413; 4, Fernandez S223,783, 5,
Gral \$185,500, 6, Newanlova, \$174,675,
7, Martinez, \$164,283, 8, Z Gerrson (US),
\$159,934, 9, Novotna, 123,678, 10, L
Sanchenko-Neiland (Lafva), \$130,683

YACHTING RUTLAND SC: Cadet Inland champion-ships (provisional results) First race 1, N Rogers and P Girces (Lymington), 2, O Barnes and E Fox (Phains), 3, M Marchand and T Kerry (Freraham),

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England suffer as Taylor gives priority to clubs

By Stuart Jones, football correspondent

GRAHAM Taylor, in agreeing to put the clubs before the country, has reluctantly forsaken the last of his intended experiments before the European football championship finals. His line-up against the Commonwealth of Indepen-dent States in Moscow next Wednesday promises to resemble virtually an England second XI.

Unwilling to disturb the delicate balance of teams chasing the League champ-ionship and places in next season's Uefa Cup, he has provisionally omitted 21 players from the top five clubs -Leeds United, Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday, Arsenal and Liverpool. All of them may remain

unavailable. Taylor fears being left with the remnants of an already heavily depleted squad of 24 and a handful of substitutes. Although the senior and B internationals would both be rendered almost wholly meaningless, he neither has nor will consider abandoning the three-day trip. "That would not be acceptable." he said yesterday. "The worst thing would be to pull out because we can't raise a team. Besides, it is not a bad

said. "The FA has first call on

this case, I'm not exercising that right. If I had, it would

The principle domestic

chester United beat West

Ham United tonight, they

will be the champions on

Sunday if they win at Antield

and Leeds United lose at

Sheffield United. Similarly,

Sheffield Wednesday will

claim the Uefa Cup vacancy if

they collect three points at Crystal Palace.

ed. He is to wait until Sunday

evening before reassessing a picture which is predictably

confused, particularly as Liv-

erpool's five representatives,

all of whom are injured will be preparing also for the FA

Several other candidates

have already been ruled out.

Charles, Gordon, Hateley, Ince, Parker and Pearce are injured. So are Dixon and

Hirst, who are doubtful, and

Winterburn, who needs an operation at the end of the

ason. Pears has been re-

leased for the sake of Mid-

dlesbrough, who are chal-

lenging for promotion.

Of the party of 24, half were not originally chosen for the games in Czechoslovakia and

ten of them have yet to make

their full England debuts.

Only Lineker, the captain,

strongest side.

Platt and Walker would be

Stevens and Steven once

were under Robson, and they may be competing for the

same position, right back.

Dixon, the most experienced alternative to be selected by

Taylor, Jones, the most prom-

ising, and Charles are all

expected to miss another op-

portunity to stake their own

Indeed, Jones, having

made such an impact during

his first appearance, may be

unable to play in Hungary on

May 12, should the FA Cup

Final against Sunderland re-

quire a replay, which would be on May 13.

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Cup final on May 9.

Even so, Taylor may not summon players who would

sible one.'

thing for people to recognise that you can carry on without them. No one is indis-

Long ago Taylor foresaw that the fixtures would be drastically inconvenient. Nevertheless, careful to be diplomatic about his employers, he attached no blame to the Football Association, who accepted the reciprocal invitation before he was appointed as Bobby Robson's successor two years ago.

"This is a special set of circumstances," he said. "The than usual. If there is a disap-pointment, it is that there were ten withdrawals in Czechoslovakja last month." Some of those had a less than convincing reason for being

absent in Prague.
"It is as well to clear up a

Newcastle lodge official protest

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NEWCASTLE United are to make an official complaint about the handling of their match by the referee, Brian Coddington, at Derby Coun-ty on Monday. United had three men sent off as they lost 4-1, their fifth successive defeat, which puts the club in danger of dropping into the third division next season.

The Newcastle manager. Kevin Keegan, said: "I have got to make sure that we send in an official complaint. It won't get the match replayed or get that referee off the League ilst, but it will make me feel a lot better.

"My biggest criticism is that he did not take into account the circumstances of the game. There was a bomb scare before the match, a 21,000-plus crowd, and

Sunderland have withdrawn Anton Rogan from Northern Ireland's opening World Cup qualifier against Lithuania in Belfast next Tuesday. The FA Cup final-ists have matches 24 hours

either side of the Irish game. The Everton full back, Andy Hinchcliffe, may need further surgery on his trouplesome knoe

The English referee, Joe Worral, will be in charge of the first leg of the Uefa Cup final between Torino and Ajax on April 29. Aron Schmidhuber, of Germany. will referee the European Cup final at Wembley on May 20 between Barcelona and Sampdoria.

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Appealing figures: Prichard escapes DeFreitas this time but the Lancashire

DeFreitas hits lethal length to crush Essex

By JACK BAILEY

CHELMSFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (2pts) beat Essex by eight wickets

PHILIP DeFreitas destroyed Essex. They never recovered from the shock of losing Graham Gooch to the fourth ball of the day and Mark Waugh to the sixth, both victims of late movement off the seam from balls of full length from

Maintaining a full length was the key; and the England bowler's natural ability to deviate the ball at lively pace was the chief cause of the inability by Essex to escape the revolving door which spilled them out at the pavilion door inside two hours for 61 runs. It was their lowest total in any one-day game.

Buoyed, and swept along by the success of that fateful beginning. DeFreitas bowled beautifully in an unbroken spell of eight overs — in which ne took five of the first six wickets to fall at a cost of 16 runs. This, his best performance in the Benson and Hedges Cup, was helped by a good supporting cast, in which the bowling of Watkinson and Morrison featured, and some excellent catching. Fairbrother's low swoop at slip to get rid of Waugh was both crucial and spectacular, while Hegg's alertness behind the stumps brought him four dismissals.

That it had been a good toss to win and field first was evident from the comparative ease with which Lancashire, nowly but surely, knocked off the runs with 26 overs to spare. Afterwards, DeFreitas owned up to being fully fit and raring to go after an injury-hit World Cup. "Once I was able to find the right spot and put it there, move-

ing and able was quickly ap-parent as Gooch was leg-before playing half forward to leg and Waugh nicked another which moved sharply away. Stephenson and Prichard were both out shouldering arms - Prichard actually lost his off stump - to balls which testified to movement in the opposite direction.
Only Hussain and, latterly,

Garnham resisted with some profit, but when DeFreitas hit the stumps from 20 yards to run out Such, the last man, his cup was overflowing, the gold award safely his. Essex were already scheduled by Gooch for an hour-long session in the nets at close of play. "Naturally, I am not happy with our performance but I am not going to make a drama out of it," he said. "Daffy's figures speak for themselves. He bowled exceptionally well and got the ball to seam about a bit. Now it is down and work at our game." He is right, of course, and Essex will.

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Cowdrey brings Durham down to earth

DURHAM (Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (2pts) beat

AFTER the euphoria of their opening day, Durham yesterday got their first taste of reality. The excitement of the occasion survived, but Glamorgan exposed the flaws in their bowling, pacing their innings to perfection to win with four balls to spare.

Yet although Chris Cowdrey ultimately decided the game, coming in at the deeply unpromising situation of eight for three, with Richards, Morris and Maynard all out, to score a priceless, if dominant innings was played in the losing cause by lan Bothsm, who won the gold

Losing causes do not appeal to Botham, but on a day when all the other Test-class batsmen failed, it was a measure of Botham's innings that he reminded us how good a cricketer lurks behind the gargantuan personality.

Coming in to replace Joses, who was trapped by one that nipped back as Durham subsided to 18 for three, he began cautiously, taking four overs to get off the mark, and treating the bowling with the respect it deserved as Watkin, revelling in being back in English conditions, conceded only two scoring shots in his

opening eight-over spell. Frost was almost as tight.

When he did step up a gear, as Croft and Dale appeared, it was still a smooth, controlled acceleration, with watchfulness the key, as he drove with the full flow of a straight but and pounced mercilessly on anything short

to cut or pull powerfully. He hit nine fours and one six in an innings lasting 115 balls. Only at the death, when the state of the game justified it, did he start to swing the bat regardless, and paid the price, skying a shot aimed at the prison to mid-on. Botham was 14 short of a maiden century for his new county,

What followed had less to do with cricket than sheer force of personality. After Brown removed Morris,

Botham took over. With his fourth ball, Maynard was leg-before. A roar of triumph from 3,000 voices rent the air. In his next over the roar reached the cathedral as Richards was betrayed by one that stopped, Botham racing forward to dive and take a one-handed catch inches above the

But these days, with the ball if not the bat, even Botham's powers are rationed, and Cowdrey ensured Glamorgan's recovery. He had hisments of luck. Glendenen

dropping a straightforward catch when he was 27, but he rode them with a resolution, if rather less classical technique, to match Botham.

Dale helped steady the innings, and then Cottey arrived to play the chief supporting role. Cowdrey was to survive two more chances. and by the time a catch stuck, at short extra, Glamorgan were virtually home.

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P A Cottey c Larkins b Brown
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Umpires J D Bond and 8 Leadbeater

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far from chanceless, 78, the Cambridge accuse Ramprakash

By Our Sports Staff

MARK Ramprakash, the England batsman, may face disciplinary action following his behaviour on the final day of Middlesex's match at Fenner's on Monday. John Crawley, the Cambridge University captain, said yesterday he planned to write a letter of complaint to Mike Murray, the Middlesex chairman, about Ramprakash's conduct as the university bat-Ramprakash allegedly

aimed a volley of abuse at Marcus Wight, an off spinner who had twice claimed Ramprakash's wicket earlier in the match, as the undergraduate went out to bar. John Emburey, who was captaining Middlesex, then intervened with his player in an attempt to restore calm but a heated exchange ensued before Ramprakash. aged 22, was dispatched to the boundary for the rest of

the match. Crawley, who was batting when these incidents occ

urred, said: "I used to admire him [Ramprakash]. I have never seen anything like it before on the cricket field. There was no excuse for the language he directed at Mar-cus. John Emburey was very upset and they almost came

Bob White and Paul Adams, the umpires, have indicated that they would be commenting on Rampra-kash's behaviour in their official match report.

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Gallacher backs Valderrama for Ryder Cup

BY MITCHELL PLATTS **GOLF CORRESPONDENT**

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THE 1997 Ryder Cup will probably be played at Valderiama, which likes to think of itself as the Augusta of Europe, on the Costa del Sol on Spain. Bernard Gallacher, the Europe captain, expressed his support for Valderrama when the club launched its bid in London vesterday to host Europe's biennial match

against the Untied States.
"Valderrama would have my vote," Gallacher said. "It is one of the world's top courses and perfect for the world's best golfers to play

ter, in New York state. The Ryder Cup committee

has already agreed, subject to certain conditions, that in 1997 the the match will for the first time be played in mainland Europe. Severiano Ballesteros started a campaign for it to be played in Spain in 1993 but that was resisted despite vigorous support from the Royal Spanish Golf Federation. It now seems that Club de Campo, the Madrid course put forward at the time, was rejected, rather than Spain.

Ballesteros is on the

the slimmest of margins. In 1993, the Ryder Cup will be played at The Belfry. which hosted the event in 1985 and 1989; in 1995, it will be at Oak Hill, Roches-

threshold of building a course in Madrid. It, too, is likely to throw a hat into the ring, alongside a Jack Nicklaus course also being built in the Spanish capital and Caldas, a design of Neil Coles and Angel Gallardo on

the outskirts of Barcelona. Valderrama has demanded that a decision be taken by December 1993. Jaime Ortiz-Patino, the

club president, who recently underwent a heart bypass operation, could not be present yesterday but Sir Ian MacLaurin, a member at Valderrama, said the club was totally confident of fulfilling all the requirements of staging the Ryder Cup. He spoke of changes to the

course to accommodate the 26,000 spectators expected each day, and said the club was fully practised in all the management and administrative work involved in hosting an important golf event.

Valderrama, situated in Andalucia in the eastern part of the province of Cadiz, has held the Volvo Masters since 1988 and, after an agree-ment announced yesterday, will continue to do so at least until 1995. The course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, was at first called Sotogrande New, then Las Aves before being renamed Valderrama in 1985, when it was acquired by Patino and

The area has an ideal cli-

mate, the weather being warm, sunny and dry in September, when the match is traditionally held, and, according to Sir Ian, 17,000 hotel beds of three-star standard or better are within 50 minutes' drive of the club. Malaga airport is one hour's drive away, Gibraltar even closer, and Seville and Jerez are within range, assisted by a new road due to be completed in 1995. There will be parking for 12,000 cars and space for 75 hospitality

There is no question that if Valderrama was in Madrid, then it would have little op-position. The course is a deli-cious challenge, aesthetically and academically, with its

rolling land, cork forest and subtle greens. My one concern is the location. In recent years, there has been a shortage of first-class accommodation, with at least two

hotels closing their doors. Patino points out that the players and officials will stay at the Suites Hotel eight minutes from the course, but what of the thousands who come to support? There would be no accommodation problems in Madrid.

Gallacher. however, said: I think the Ryder Cup is like the Open championship. It carries its own support. wherever it is played."

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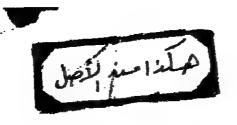
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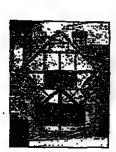
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Playing to the jury

How honourable is it to become a murderer's mouthpiece?

John Mortimer, OC, defends the subtle art of advocacy

ir Edward Marshall Hall, the legendary advocate who could dominate a courtroom and who gave the shelter of his silk gown to the meanest and least attractive prisoner, used to finish his final speeches with a peroration. He would raise his arms and cup his hands in imitation of the scales of justice.

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"And when they are evenly balanced, members of the jury," he would say, "you must add to the side of the accused that precious weight, the presumption of innocence." No doubt it worked extremely well, although one churlish judge started his summing up by telling the jury it was always a relief to him when Sir Edward started his scales of justice act because it meant he was coming to an end.

I never saw Marshall Hall, but my father told me he was preceded into court by a clerk bearing a pile of clean handkerchiefs, a carafe of water and an air cushion. When the prosecution evidence became awkward, he would blow his nose, a sad trumpet, on one of the handkerchiefs. If it became worse he would knock over a glass of water. If it became really damning he would slowly inflate the air cushion and then the jury had eyes and ears for nothing else.

When I was developing my own performance I tried walking up and down in a manner I copied from the late Lord Justice Salmon until the judge said: "Do keep still. It's rather like watching pingpong." When I tried to deflate an endless prosecution by congratulating the jury on having sat through what was undoubtedly the most boring case ever to be heard at the Central Criminal Court, the judge said: "Members of the jury, it may come as something of a surprise to you to know that the sole purpose of the criminal law of England is not to entertain Mr Mortimer." Juries are often friends to advocates,

judges rarely.

The careers of such stars as Marshall Hall show that advocacy may certainly provide great entertainment. It may also be a form of art. A more important question is whether its expert use is an aid or an impediment to the administra-

tion of justice. David Pannick, QC, a Fellow of All Souls and a practising barrister, has written a book in which this question is put with great clarity, true understanding and a wealth of excellent anecdotes. I am delighted to report that he comes down on the side of Marshall Hall's descendants, although the standard of

acting has declined in this grey age.

Mr Pannick rightly finds the cornerstone of our system to be the "cab rank" principle. The advocate must never pronounce judgment. It is not for him to condemn, still less. to reject a client. It is vital to the administration of justice that anyone on trial, however horrific the alleged crime or repellent the suspect, has his case put as well as possible and as persuasively as he would himself if he possessed the

skills of advocacy.

Certain radical barristers have suggested they would not defend suspected rapists or landlords or persons accused under the race relations acts. Mr Pannick is right to condemn this tendency. As advocates we sit like taxis on the rank, our flags up and our engines purring, prepared to take on anyone who could squeeze a fare out of the legal aid, or, more often than is realised, for a free ride.

Mr Pannick, following this great tradition, has taken on such unlikely passengers as the government in the Spycatcher case, Cap'n Bob, Tiny Rowland, the former Chief Rabbi, L. Ron Hubbard and a waitress dismissed because her bust was too large. I have opened the cab door to crypto-fascists, doubtful property dealers and police officers alleged to be bent.

Only once did I refuse a fare. I had a client in a divorce case whose wife had alleged that he indulged in curious sexual practises. He had an undisclosed source of income and, after prolonged questioning. he admitted to being a part-time assistant hangman. I put down my flag and drove off rapidly in the opposite direction. It was more than 25 years ago and I never did it again. An advocate is like a doctor. He should aim to get his patient, or client, out of trouble and not pass moral judgments.

This brings us to the question everyone asks about advocates and, not being entirely satisfied with the answer, remains convinced that barristers are hypocrites, or even outright liars, and no more to be

The hardest case to do well is one in which you believe passionately in the justice of your cause'

trusted than politicians, secondhand car salesmen or persons in advertising: "How on earth can you defend people you know to be

The question is so simple and the answer so complicated. "I don't know them to be guilty. It is not my job to decide if they are guilty or not. There is a judge to do that. Or a jury. There is a prosecutor to make the case look as bad as possible, no doubt with a little help from his Lordship, who sometimes likes to put the boot in. My job is to argue the case as well as I can and to suspend my disbelief. In fact, my disbelief has been left hanging in a corner cupboard in my chambers for the past 30 years. Of course you can have some doubts about your own client's story, and then you see all its weaknesses and probably do it rather well. The hardest case to do well is one in which you believe passionately in the justice of your cause. You may ignore the points

against you and probably lose." The chapter in David Pannick's book explaining the mental process which comes so naturally to the advocate, and seems so morally dubious to the outside world, is the best and clearest exposition of the advocate's morality I have come across. It is given great weight by a

quotation I had not remembered. Boswell asked his friend if it were right for a harrister to support a case he felt to be had. "Sir," the great doctor told him. "you don't know it to be bad till the judge determines it. An argument which does not convince yourself may convince the judge to whom you urge it, and if it does convince him, why then, sir, you are wrong and he is right. It is his business to judge, and you are not to be confident in your own opinion but to say all you can as to your client, and then hear the judge's opinion." With which pronouncement the defence for the advocate's suspension of disbelief

can safely rest.

Another reason the advocate should not decide his client's guilt or innocence is our system, which ! believe we can still claim to be the best yet devised. A trial under our law is an argument which sets out to decide whether the prosecution has made the jury sure of guilt; and the fact that it has failed to do so does not mean the defender's client is innocent. The great virtue of this form of trial is that it enshrines the presumption of innocence, and it depends on the ability of advocates on both sides to present the issues clearly and with force.

It does not matter much if the acivocates are barristers or solicitors, provided they spend their days in law courts and practise advocacy until it becomes a natural instinct. Indeed the bar argued for its monopoly in such an inept way leven calling in a firm of advertising agents to plead its cause) that the change was bound to happen. With unaccountable foolishness the committee recommending it sug-gests freeing solicitors from the "cab rank" principle. So one of the basic strengths of our system may be lost through sheer carelesaness. As so often, a reasonable reform may become an act of wanton destruction.

The advocate's life is a strange one. You are never quite yourself: at worst a mouthpiece, at best an interpreter for a fellow human being who is often unlikeable and always in trouble. You must bow to judges, say, "If your Lordship uses", and laugh at their jokes. You must often simulate rage but never lose your temper. The task requires great persistence and the courage to stand up to hostile and irritable judges.
You often feel sick with armicty

before you go into court, and when you are on your feet you know one misguided question may let in a flood of evidence which may remove your client from his family and friends or ruin his reputation. You can never afford to be unprepared or ill in the middle of a case. You must make instant decisions

and never show uncertainty.

If you write a bad play or paint an appalling picture nobody goes to prison for 14 years. Failures in the art of advocacy have more serious consequences and perhaps the only way to keep entirely same is to forget every case once it is over. There are weeks when you must know every address, every name, every date in some complicated history. Two days after the verdict they are washed out of your mind. There is only one truly happy moment, an enormous feeling of

tached, but daily contact with maybem seems to have left some of them curiously uninformed about life outside the robing room.

Sometimes the strain simply relief which all advocates recognise. and it comes when you reach the end of a final speech and sit back, becomes too great. I heard of a barrister who returned to court sweating and trembling slightly with absolutely nothing left to say. after hunch and stood up to make his final plea for the defence. "Members of the jury," he said, "this is the point at which I should Then your job is over. The hard business of judgment is up to 12 strangers, and a great weight is lifted from your shoulders. make a moving and impassioned speech on behalf of my client, the learned judge will then give an unbiased summing up, and you Such feelings must have been unendurable in death penalty cases, and the old criminal silks will then retire and come to a just lived on their nerves; some of them relaxed in nightchubs and married verdict. But as I feel far too exhausted to make an impassioned a succession of chorus girls. Others, speech, and as the learned judge has never given an unbiased sumisolated in the strangely unreal ming up in his entire career, and as world of law courts, betrayed their innocence in curious pronounce-ments. Mervyn Griffith Jones asked if the jury would like their you look far too stupid to come to a just verdict. I shall sit down." He

al honesty and I believe a retrial Everyone setting out to become an advocate should read David Pannick's book and it should be enjoyed by everyone concerned about our trial system and arodous

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to discover its virtues. As Mr Pannick makes clear, it cannot function without advocates. And yet they live curious lives, and the best of them have seldom been entirely happy. For all their elo-quence and occasional flamboyance, there is always a space inside them, waiting to be filled by a

client. They can never quite be themselves or say exactly what they mean. They must attack people they do not dislike and flatter people they may not respect; and they leave no particular mark behind them.

only lives in a few anecdotes, and not even remembered, I'm sure, by the descendants of those he saved from the gallows Advocates. David Pannick, Oxford

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Just a phrase I'm going through

ometimes, in the middle of the night. I wake up in my little flat, turn on the light. the night, I wake up in my and burst into tears with relief. "Oh kitties," I gasp. "What a terrible dream! I dreamed I was in the Algarve on holiday on my own again!" The awoken cats (God bless them) at first assume an air of polite concern. But at the word "Algarve". they exchange weary glances (the feline equivalent of Tsk') and settle their heads back down on their paws. My buried-alive-in-Portugal saga seems to have lost its news value.

Meanwhile, I whitter on, "I am in this cafe, you see, and i am reading the phrase-book. And all 1 can say in Portuguese is that I want two coffees, and four teas with milk, and lots of cakes! But I don't really want all these drinks because I'm on my own! And they keep bringing cakes and teas and coffees, and ! don't know how to say Stop! and the teas keep coming and it's like the Sorcerer's Apprentice and I look around and see that nobody

is listening. The good thing about this Algarve nightmare is that at least it covers everything you might want to have a nightmare about - from waking up in a box, to doing Finals in Sanskrit, to being drowned in a flash flood of Twinings. It's all

there. A friend of mine, who frequently suffers from the the Finals dream, says he sometimes manages to double the anxiety by imagining that if he doesn't pass this impossible exam, he won't be allowed to reach the age of 35; he will be obliged to go back to 11 and start again. Yike. In a similar exercise. I sometimes ring the changes on my Algarve nightmare by imagining that while I order the usual never-ending buckets of tea and coffee, I am unaware the laws of the country have been changed. so I am slung into jail for some sort of beverage transgression.

Why am I going on about it? Because I have been studying a little phrase-book I picked up in Italy on my last holiday, and have been rather alarmed by it. L'Inglese come si parla has always worried me, I admit, ever since I first discovered I had goofed in the shop and bought the wrong sort of phrase-book - intended for Italian visitors to England, rather than the other way around. "What would you charge to drive me to Richmond?" was the first phrase I saw in it, helpfully spelled out in pretend-phonetics: Huot und in ciaade tu draiv mi tu Rite mond? And I thought, hang on, this can't

be right. Richmond is miles away.

But what I didn't fully appreciate

SINGLE LIFE Lynne Truss suffers

the nightmares of

translation



at the time was what a nightmare experience the Italian visitor would have if he allowed this little phrasebook to govern his expectations of England. Because close attention reveals this newly-printed publication to have been written either: a) by someone trying to push back the boundaries of existential terror; b) by someone who got all his information from watching Ealing films; or c) in 1948.

trams that first set you thinking. Then you notice that the pubs close at 10 o'clock, the planes stop at Renfrew, and there are jam omelettes on the bill of fare. The world is suddenly all Sidney Tafler and black and white. In a tobacconist's shop, the choice of cigarettes is Gold Flake, Players and Capstan: and the lonely Italian visitor in search of a guiffriend proceeds at once to a dance hall. "Dhis tiun is veri na(i)s, isnt it?" he says to his partner, peering over her shoulder at the phrase book, and speaking like a computer. He riffles a few pages. "Iu aatr) e wanderful daanser Mei ai sii iu hotujum? Huot is iu(r) adres?" Encouraged to dabble in less formal English, he tells his new lady-friend she is "(e) na(i)s litt bir ov guuz" (a nice linde bit of goods). Something about all this makes me intensely worried on his behalf. I mean, what would happen if he

wives or their servants to read Lady

Chatterley's Lover, and the prose-

cuting counsel in the Rattenbury

case asked a doctor if regular sexual

intercourse might not seriously undermine the health of an 18-

year-old boy. I once heard it

suggested to a jury in an obscenity

case that "we have done without

oral sex for the last 2,000 years so

why should we need it now?". It is

right for the advocate to be de-

It's the tell-tale references to

arrived at Victoria Station, and shouted (as he is advised here)
"Poorter! Tefijk dhis laghldg tu dhe Braiten trein! (Porter, take this higgage to the Brighton train 7. There would be some sort of riot. Alas, the British public would never guess he was living in some narallel phrase-book universe. would they? They would just as-

some he was asking for a punch in the eye. "Wash the car. and give it a good greasing." he commands at a petrol station. But what's this? Biff! Boff! Ooof! Crawling back to the car, clutching his abdomen in one hand and his phrase-book in the other, he mutters, "Dhets dhe ghidi

limit!". (That's the giddy limit.) I do wonder whether the book was published in a spirit of mischief by someone obsessed with Ealing Films, because actually the story that emerges from its pages is rather like an Ealing plot. Poor guileless foreigner (played by Alec Guinness, perhaps) works hard to overcome loneliness by using authentic popular slang such as "nose-rag". "old horse" and "cheese it!" and nobody knows what the hell he is talking about. "Dhets ool mai ai end Beti Maarten!" he exclaims jocularly That's all my eye and Betty Martin), amid general shrugs.

To make matters worse the phrase "To pull the plonker" is mysteriously omitted from Linglese come si parla. So the poor bloke keeps hitting the deck without ever understanding the insistent question on all English people's lips.

> **TOMORROW** Private Life: John Diamond



MANON: Kenneth MacMillan's passionate ballet, based on the famous pessourate baser, obsect on the famous story by Abbé Prévost, is back in the Royal Ballet repertoire after a six-week, gap Tonight Sylve Guillem stars as the self-destructive 18th-century French courtesan who ends up dying for love, and Laurent Hillaire is her impovershed lover. Des Gneux

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: LCDT opens its spring tour at the Birmingham Hippodrome, its first wat to the city for five years. The programme comprises Dan Wagoner's Iazz age-tribute, *Flee As A Bird*r, Nina jazz age-undus, rice Ax A unit, vana Wiener's haunting Wind Devil, inspired by the Arizona desert; and Rikud, a stornping, atthetic number that has proved surprisingly popular with audiences. After Birmingham, LCDT moves to The Derngate in Northampton. The Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7486), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm

ESSCOVERING POWEE: In 79AD Pompeii was caught like a fly in amber, but that does not mean that nothing changes now. Since the last Pompeii exhibition in London, excavation has continued, techniques have been revolutionised, and all londs of new

CI THE ALCHEMIST: David Bradley and Jonathan Hyde numbly contains the town in Sam Mendes's very furney production of Jonson's salare. Barbican, Silv Street, EC2 (071-6.38 8891). Tompint, comprotow, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. 135mms.

THE ENLIN ESTITES Howard Browni's shap though muddled critique of the new Europe where a social worker, a visusing wife and a spy have lost their bearings. With Penny Downie, Diana Rigg and Nicholas Woodeson.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SWI (071-730 1745), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat

I THE COTTON CLUR: An impression of the Hartern nightsport high on energy, low on story freshness.

Addwych, The Aidwych, WC2 (071-836 6404), Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

150mms.

The MAID THE MAIDERS Two new cast members, Gerakline James and Paul Freeman, join Michael Byrne in this superir play on the longing for revenge. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 S122), Mon-Sot, Bpm, mars Thurs, 3pm, Sar, 4pm, 120mins.

I AN EVENING WITH GARY
LINKKSR: Someomes dral look at the
fatisties of a frustrated woman
instruct to a succur mix.
Duchess, Cathenne Street, WC2 (071-494 5075) Mon-Thus, Spm, Pri, Sat,
6pm and 8.45pm, 130mms. ET GOOD ROCKEN TOWNS Sessiving

muscal debrating fittles and Sloties pop classics. Great stuff. Playthouse, Northumberland Avenue (071-839 4-301) Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fri. Set, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 150mins. D HEARTIMEAK HOUSE: Pull Scoffeld and Vavessa Radgrave head Trevor Nurn's splendid cast in Shaw's timeless, state-of-England demu. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800), Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mats Ward, Sat 2, 30pm, 275mins I MEASURE FOR MEASURE Trever Nurse's engrossing production: David Heig tetally tempted by Claire Skinner

EUROPA (15): Intrigue and Karkaesque comedy on Germany's train network in 1945, Empty-headed faritasy from Dannsh wonderboy Lars von Tiner. With Jean-Marc Barr, Berbara Sukowa. Chebica (071-351 3742/27/3) Photosome (071-351 3742/27/3)

Everyman (071-435 1525) Curson West End (071-439 4805).

STOPI CALMY MOM WILL SHOOT

PAG). Personny mum Estelle Getty comes to wait buchelor-cop son Sylvester Stallore Threadbare comedy for the easily pleased director Roger Sockuswood.

Spiciowcou Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

Yez 3332)
VOYAGER (15): Strange coincidencies and a prenty girl derail the life of a globe-trotting engineer (Sam Shepard). Sober, absorbing version of Max Frach's novel, Homo Faber, director, Voller Schlondortf.
Curson West End (071-439 4805).

LA BELLE NOISEUM (15): Incoues

LA MALLE MODIFICATION (15), Micross Medite's hypnotic exploration of a painter and his model, struggling to complete an abandoned cames. Close to a macrepace. With Nichel Piccoli, Eminanuelle Béart, Jane Britin Renoli (07), 837 3402)

Nerror (071-37 Sauz)

© 8U(55' (18): Warren Beatty as the garacter who invented Las Vegas Sleek, withy dazding to behold Staming Armette Bering, director, Barry Levinson, Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)

MGRI Chalesa (071-32 5096) MCM Haymarket (071-39 1527) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine

CURRENT

NEW RELEASES

House full, returns only
Some seats available
Seats at all prices

El PYSMALIONE Alan Howard, Frances Barber in a Howard Davies production that some admire greatly while others feel subordinates the test to a clever design. National (Olivier), South Bank, SET (071-928 8800). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat today, 2pm. THE POPE AND THE WITCH

Comedy, Ranton Street, SW1 (071-857 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Wed, 3pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins. mar bat, 4pm. 135mins.

I REFLECTED GLORY: Albert Prinsy very furny as the within of a play by his brother, Stephen Moore; after this good start Ronald Harwood's new cornedy peters out.
Vaudaville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

130mms.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

oscoveres nave been made. This new show not only contains many of the major works of art found on sire, but gives the world an absorbing progress report on the future of the past. No wonder it broke all attendance records on one of its previous tour stops, in

on one or its pressus non scope, a. Houston, Texas.
Accardenais Italiana, 24 Rudand Gate, London SW7 (071-225 3474), Daily, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), until June

THE GIPSY KINGS: The lively French strumming group successfully blends Andalusian and flamenco rhythms with pop music. Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), 7.30pm.

CAPERCAILLIE: The respected Scottish Gaelic-folk group, nding high on the success of their recent album *Delinum,* headine at the Mean Fiddler with support group The Tender Trap. Mean Fiddler, 24-28a High Street, London NW10 (081-961 5490), 8pm.

OTTO DOC The German painter is known in this country by a few paintings from his "critical realist" phase. This retrospective shows that he began with retrospective shows that he began with innocuous self-portrants, was shocked into Expressionist violence and Dada savagery by the first world war, and ended the Twenties as an adherent of the Neue Sachlichiest (new objectivity). A thrilling odyssey which marks Dia as a significant figure in 20th-century art. Tate Gaillery, Millbank, London SW1

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

in Fraud's Vienna, Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (071-620 0411/928 6363), Mon-Sat, 7,15pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Zpm. 210mins, THE POCKET DREAM: Fooking burlesque of A Midsummer Night's Dream, with Mike McShane and Sandl Tokovig. Dedicated fars only. Albery, St Marri's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3pm. 135mins.

Drugs, death and dementia in Vatican: Dario Fo's frantic con

"SOMB LIKE IT HOT: But what we get is lukewarm Tommy Steele in poor musical version of the film. Práros Bétvard, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 7,45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 165mins, Booking to Aug 29.

(071-821 1313). Mon-Sat. 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, opens Weds, until May 17

THE CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS:

Episodes from the medieval cycle in a bold Anglo-Portuguese co-production (God speaks English, Jesus Portuguese). Powerful visual images. Ten periormances.

Mermald Theatre, Puddle Dock,
Blackfiars, London EC4 (071-410 0000),
previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm;
opens Frl, 7pm.

WHITE WOHAN STREET: For AMIDIE WORKAN SAME TO THE OUTLAND, OR THE OUTLAND, loaded with memories, drift into an Ohio town 80 years ago and same for Sebastian Barry's London premater for Sebasdian Barry's play which then transfers to the Peacock Theatre, Dublin. Bush Theatre, Shepherds Bush Green, London W12 (081-743 3388), preview tonight, Bprit; opens tornorrow, 7pm

GAUDEAMUS: The Maly Theatre of St Petersburg returns with Gaudeamus (seen at LIFT last year), its marvellous picture of file in an army battalion for social misfits. The tour goes on to Nottingham, Glasgow and Deny. Albambra. Moriey Road, Bradford (2024 25000), seemed 5: 5-7, 200m. (0274 752000), torught-Sat, 7.30pm

AS YOU LIKE IT: David Thacker directs Samantha Bond in Shakespeare's comedy, his first production in the main theatre. Opening night. Royal Shakespeare Theatre Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623),

ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE-ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-M-1185-FRELDS: lona Brown directs the players in works by Haydn (Symphony No 44 "Trauer"), Beethoven (Harno Concerto No 1) and Schubert (Symphony No 3). Jeffrey Kahane is the soloist in the Beethoven. Beethoven. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm

CI STRAIGHT AND NAMEON.
Nicholas Lyndhurst, Neil Daglish and
Carmel McSharry in likeable cornedy
about a dotting mother's worries, notably about a usung messasi her gay son. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Sat. 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm 130mms, Market VANYA: Lin McCathin Imil Antony Sher outstanding in a Sean Methias production that is subite, balanced and tense with grief. National (Cottasiloe), South Bank, \$21 (071-928 2252): Today 2 30pm and 7,30pm, 160mms.

E. A WOSHARE ROLLED WITH KINDMESS: Michael Malonwy and Seeke Reeves in an Elizabethan domestic tragedy packed with telling details. The Prit, Barbkan Centre, Sik Street, BCZ (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. 180mms.

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LOMG KLINNESS:

Assects of Lover Prince of Wales (071-839 5972)

Elised Brothers Fromms (071-837 1044).

Buddy: Victorie Palace (071-834 1317).

Carmen Joness Old Vic (071-834 1317).

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Dancing at Lughhassa: Garrick (071-494 5085).

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Five Guys Named Block Lyric (071-494 5045).

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Les Mildershier: Palace (071-836 7611)

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Brothers: Whitehall (071-867 1119) The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238). Ticket information from SWET.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol Φ)

(0426 915683) Screen on Below Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 9332).

◆ CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-con Robert De Nivo terrorists Nick Noite and family. Martin Scorsers's ferodous remake of a classic reverge thriller. With Jesses Lange, Juliette Lews and Joe Lion spier. Englin (071-197 999) MGM Pullium Boad (071-370 7636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

DECEIVED (15): Goldie Hawn as the wife who doubts has husband's identity. Psychological thriller, weak on story, but storig on atmosphera. Story John Heart: director, Damien Harris. Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) Whistologis. 071-792 3320.

(W71-792 3332).
THE DOCTOR (12): Callous surgeon (William Hurt) goes under the knife and becomes a better person. Familiam material, but fively trestment. Director, Randa Haines.
Biarbilom (071-636 8891) Canadem Particiary (071-636 8891) Amadem Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

HIGH HEELS (18): Lubewarm, takan melodrama of family secrets from Spain's master of carm, Pedro Almodòver, With Victoria Abril and Manse Paredes. Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) MCM Chalses (071-352

 HOOK (U): Grown-up Peter Pen-returns to Neverland to fight Captain Hook, Much kid-pleasing spectacle, buildle magic. With Robin Williams, Dust Hoffman; director, Seven Spielberg. Barbiam (071-538 8891) and Captain Company.

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 Spie Street (071-935 9772) MGM Chalses (071-352 5095) Oderns, Kesslegton (0426 914666) Lelcester Square (0426 915683) Marbin Arch (0426 914501)

KIKUCHI: Days in the learns life of a laundry attendant. Querty hilarious minimalist exercise from Japanese comic-strip illustrator Kenji Iwamoto. ICA (071-930 3647). # MY DWN PRIVATE IDAHO (38).

• MY OWN PROVATE IDAHO (10): Gus Van Sant's quirky portrait of two drifters searching for a home: striking and aggravating by turns. With River Phoenix, Keahu Reeves. Camden Plaza (071-495 2443) MGM Pulkium Road (071-495 2443) MGM Pulkium Road (071-435 3561) MGM Plazadilly (071-437 3561) MGM Shaftessbury Avenue (071-436 6279/379 70251 MGM Trocadeno (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520)

SALMONSIERRIES (12): Half-Estumo foundling and an East Berlin escapee are thrust together in an Arctic community. Arch Percy Adion drama with a few fringe benefits. Stars Ld. Lang Metro (071–437 0757).

THEATRE

Tragicomic picture of Russian life

THE Courtyard, a flexible black box of a studio theatre like the National Theatre's Cottesloe, opened a couple of years ago with a superb production of a play by a dissident Czech. Eastern Europe is evidently a speciality; now we have tragicomic slices of domesticity seen through female eyes by Ludmila Petrushevskaya, acclaimed in her native Russia as a "feminist Chekhov".

Her Cinzano has been performed by visiting Russians in Britain: a wry, resigned look at the alcoholic limbo inhabited by many Russian men. The present play includes male characters. most of them stinkers, from the bullying or sickly children who dominate their mothers to layabout husbands or effusively gushing seducers who turn venomous. The author's fairness allows us to glimpse what passes for their charm; and also to see the squabbles, selfishness and petty resentments in the women's

Divorced Ira is less Chekhovian than positively quixotic she is a teacher of Gaelic. Welsh and Cornish, the demand for which can hardly bave increased even since perestroika. She has rented a summer dacha, reluctantly shared with family connections. They quarrel over the rent, the leaking roof, their fighting kids. Harassed by her wailingly self-pitying mother (Ann Penfold in a rhapsodically reproachful Geordie ostinato, laughter seamlessly burning to sobs), worried by her sick son, Ira has a fling with a wealthy Mr Fixit who is big in lavatories ("How's your new toilet? Pass muster?") but who leaves her in the lurch.

From adultery and protective motherhood she returns to her abrasive

IN DEATH, no less than in life,

Freddie Mercury proved a hard act to

follow, and although this multi-artist

marathon undoubtedly captured the

popular imagination in a way which

no other show has done since Live Aid

in 1985, it was a patchy celebration which would have benefited from some

A succession of heavy metal acts

commandeered proceedings during

the first half. Surprise had been voiced

in some quarters at the inclusion of

Metallica, Extreme, Def Leppard and the allegedly anti-homosexual Guns 'N

Roses on the bill. But for all their

latterday prominence as a mainstream

popular music phenomenon. Queen's

musical roots have always been firmly

dished up their huge drum sounds, ringing power chords, and soaring chorus chants, the thriving legacy of Queen's influence in the Nineties was

plain for all to hear. Extreme even went

to the trouble of painstakingly creating

facsimiles of half-a-dozen Queen songs, compressed into a medley: a noble gesture.

JOE CANNON was paying a visit to

West Coast industrial estate, he peered anxiously through clouds of vapour into a tank full of liquid nitrogen.

Somewhere down there lay Terry's

disembodied head, frozen for all time

at a cost to Joe of \$35,000. Had he felt

equally strongly about the rest of Terry,

her entire mortal remains could have

Antony Thomas spared us the sight of Terry's frozen features, thank heav-

ens. But in the Viewpoint 92 slot on

ITV last night, he pulled few other

punches in a splendidly entertaining

romp through mankind's seventh age.

Apparently, more and more people are refusing to grow old gracefully or to accept the inevitability of death, though to prove this thesis Thomas

spent the better part of the film in the

geriatric quarters of Florida, Arizona

In Sun City, Arizona, nobody is

under 55. Here grannies with varicose

veins leap about in tutus, brandishing pompoms, while grizzled veterans of

the beat restart their careers at 60. The chief of police, who is 72, claimed that

and California.

been preserved for \$140,000.

his wife, Terry. In a warehouse on

As, one after another, these groups

bedded in heavy rock.

pruning.

Three Girls in Blue West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds

neighbours in a spirit of conciliatory sisterhood which convinces no more than her lover's change from nice to nasty. The temperamental vacillations of the Russian soul come over as mere inconsistencies in English performance, especially in Jackie Lye's underplayed Ira, which unfairly makes Richard Albrecht's expansive adulterer look overdone. Stephen Mulrine's translation has

the usual quota of insidious, unnoticed Americarisms, but provides fine parts for Lorraine Ashbourne, a miniskirted comic actress combining proletarian perkiness with glints of refinement on the Julie Watters model; for Paul Viragh as her hopeless soak of a toy boy husband "allergic to manual work"; for Helen Ryan as a dotty caretaker with the look of a baglady; and, most of all, for Kay Mellor, herself an established playwright. As a harassed nurse, aggressively loyal mother and generally overburdened woman, her hatchesfaced bitterness marvellously expresses nerves screwed up to screaming pitch. Designer Pamela Howard transforms the rectangular acting space into a summer home and a no less cluttered city flat. Michael Birch's production fails to eliminate longueurs; but this is

MARTIN HOYLE

and social history.



ROCK

To an absent friend

Freddie Mercury Tribute Wembley Stadium

As always in these situations, the video inserts which popped up on the giant screens to either side of the stage during the changeover time between groups failed to hold the attention. Nor did the vaunted satellite link-ups with U2 in Sacramento, California (a recording, surely) and Mango Groove in Johannesburg fare any better. Elizabeth Taylor's homily on Mercu-

ry's death and on how to avoid a simllar fate got a listless reception. It was virtually the only overt reference to the subject, although George Michael later made some hard-hitting and salient points, and an emotional David Bowie recited the Lord's Frayer on behalf of a friend dying from Aids:

featured the surviving members of Queen - Roger Taylor (drums/vocals). John Deacon (bass) and Brian May (guitar/vocals) — who performed a set mostly of Queen songs with a succession of star singers attempting to fill the departed Mercury's boots, includ-ing Roger Daltrey ("I Want It All"). Paul Young ("Radio GaGa"). Seal ("Who Wants To Live Forever") and Lisa Stansfield ("I want To Break Robert Plant came closest to replicat-

The second half of the concert

ing Mercury's peculiar brand of coquettish narcissism, but his perfor-mances of "Innuendo" and "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" were marred by an erratic microphone sound. Likewise Bowie's and Annie Lennox's intimate duet of "Under Pressure" was spoilt by an indistinct vocal mix. One of the most moving moments

came when Bowie. Ian Hunter and Mick Ronson (guitarist from Bowie's Spiders From Mars band, played the old Mott The Hoople hit "All The Young Dudes". Hunter performed with croaky passion, while the rail-thin Ronson, himself seriously ill with cancer, cut a tragi-heroic figure. The unenviable task of singing

Bohemian Rhapsody" fell to Elton John. Sporting a conspicuously luxuriant new growth of hair he wobbled uncertainly between octaves before passing the baton to Axl Rose, who leapt out from the wings like an irrepressible genie-demon to deliver the song's quasi-metal finale. But it was Liza Minnelli, of all

But it was Liza Minnelli, of all people, whose show-closing rendition of "We Are The Champions" most convincingly captured the essence of Mercury's unique and much-loved style. Combining a commanding presence with a suitably valedictory tone, she injected just the right degree of knowing burlesque into her performance. It was a touching and appropriate end to a heartfelt memorial.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TELEVISION REVIEW

Canutes of cosmetology

Viewpoint 92

excluding the young or even the middle-aged had had a striking effect on the crime rate. Sun City was immaculate, tidied to within an inch of its

An entire industry caters for the American desire for eternal life. Apart from the founders of the Alcor Life Extension Foundation, the body freezers — death is "very undesirable" one of them hazarded — there are the plastic surgeons who turn back the years with tucks and suction. Dr Michael Sachs, resplendent in a bril-liant blue suit in his Central Park South consulting rooms, was gratifyingly matter of fact. He himself would never have plastic surgery, he admit-ted, as he prepared to rejuvenate

Debbie, a 40-something housewife from New Jersey whose husband had deserted her for a younger model. Debbie had been coaxed into the

surgery by her daughter Cheryl, who declared that her mother was going to emerge as "a complete package", able to compete once more on the singles dating scene. Dr Sachs did a magnificent job: her face was stretched tight and smooth over the bones, her teeth flashed, her bagless eyes gleamed hungrily. She looked wonderful, if you like that kind of thing. . Dr Sachs may be a great surgeon but

he is a terribly sententious philosopher. The operating room, he said, was like a temple, the operation itself a kind of symphony, with its slow passages and its swift dashing trills. "I see it as a very sacred experience," he opined. How much Debbie had paid for this cross between sacrament and symphony concert was not disclosed.

Americans as a whole, however, fork out \$4 billion a year for lotions, potions and pills to delay the ageing process.

Two who seem to be doing very nicely from the business were Dirk Pearson and Sandie Shaw, the authors of a best-selling book about how the use of faily doses of agriculture of the seem of the se daily doses of aspirin, vitamin C. multiminerals, beta-carotene, vitamin
B6 and niacin (to list just a few) will
intervene in the ageing process. To bebrutal, neither struck me as much of an advertisement for their regime.

Old age can be sad, if you make it so. Nobody can leave behind the vigour of, youth without regret, or face death with an entirely equable temperament. All of us would like to be mentally alert and physically mobile until the moment we pop off. Thomas's film showed how this entirely natural desire can be exploited, perverting what should be a time of reflection and relaxation into a hopeless race against the grim reaper. The second part. which promises to examine the serious science of ageing, should be well worth

NIGEL HAWKES

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Rebel hero of a Regency stripe

Shelley, born 200 years ago this year, has symbolised rebellion and romance to every generation since his death.

John Dugdale looks at the enduring appeal of the poet

ick Jagger stepped forward and addressed the restive mob of 250,000 Rolling Stones fans gathered in the Hyde Park sunshine: "Cool it for a minute. I would really like to read something about Brian." The Stones' guitarist Brian Jones had been found dead in his swimming pool two days before the open-air

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Wearing an androgynous white costume, Jagger then read a long passage from Adonais, Shelley's elegy for Keats ("He is not dead, he doth not sleep/He hath awakened from the dream of life"). Hundreds of butterflies were released into the

This moment in July 1969, seen by millions in the film of the concert, sealed the connection between rock. revolution and Romantic poetry. And today, 200 years after the birth of Percy Bysshe Shelley, it remains tempting to equate him with a Jagger or a Jim Morrison. He seems a wholly contemporary figure, somehow trapped in the language and costume of Regency England.

So it is no accident that many of those associated with the recent revival of interest in Shelley were either university graduates in the 1960s, like the biographer Richard Holmes and the allowing the Montager and the allowing the state of Holmes and the playwright Howard Brenton, or are identified with the ethos of that era, such as the journalist Paul Foot and the film director Ken Russell.

Fascinated by the parallels be-tween 1968 and 1792, Holmes began researching his biography of Shelley in 1970: "I was possessed by him...the inner part of my life seemed completely bound up with the fate of this small Romantic circle, the post-revolutionary generation, who were trying to turn the principles of the 1790s - republi-

'He was a toff, wholly supported by unearned family income'

canism, atheism, free love and the shared commune of 'like spirits' into a form of daily existence, an experiment in living."

A pioneering work of "romantic biography" as well as a break through in understanding of the English Romantics, Shelley: the Pursuit appeared in 1974. It acted as a stimulus for Foot's book Red Shelley and Brenton's play Bloody Poetry, and probably also triggered Rumell's film Gothic

Holmes's Shelley is "a darker and more earthly, crueller and more capable figure", quite different from the poet-god of 19th-century mythology — typified by Matthew Arnold's "beautiful ineffectual angel beating his wings in vain".

In order to cultivate the angelic

myth, the poet's family carefully suppressed any information which threatened it. Mary Shelley was prevented from writing her memors by an undertaking given to his octogenarian father, who supported her financially once she had returned from Italy. Her daughter-in-law, Lady Shelley, maintained rigid control of the poet's estate and reputation after Mary's death; she had a shrine built at Rossonia. had a shrine built at Boscombe (where Mary's body and Percy Bysshe's heart are buried), and used every trick known to guardians of the flame - restricted access, tame biographers, destroyed and even forged texts - to preserve the

The cult of the versifying demi-god peaked in the decades around the centenary of his birth in 1892. In addition to Dowden's bowdlerised life and a signed edition of the poetry, this period saw the installa-tion at University College, Oxford of the extraordinary Shelley memorial statue, which depicts a boyish mude corpse, mourned by a Muse. The Shelley Society, founded in 1886, took an equally devotional ap-proach. When George Bernard Shaw announced to fellow members that as an out-and-out Shelleyan, he was "a Socialist, an Atheist and a Vegetarian," two pious ladies re-

One of the most devout Victorian Shelley-worshippers was Captain E.A. Silsbee of Salem, Massachusetts, whose attempt to prise some love letters from an old lady provided the model for Henry James's story The Aspern Papers. He failed to persuade her, but another relic he secured while in Italy has been made the centrepiece of the "Shelley's Guitar" exhibition which opens at the Bodleian Library in Oxford

companied by the poem. With a Guitar — To Jane", the instrument was given to Jane Williams in the spring of 1822, three months before the poet died at the age of 30 while sailing in Lerici, Italy. Other highlights of the Bodleian collection include Shelley's working note-books, the manuscript of "Ozymandias", two pages from a draft of Frankenstein, a miniature portrait of Mary and a love letter from her to Shelley. Extracts from their joint journal suggest that the much-discussed relationship between the two authors could often be collabo-

There are ironies aplenty to be found in these celebrations, as there were in 1892. Shelley's outspoken republican views have happily not The opening of the exhibition

comes at the start of the bicentenary

programme: more than 75 separate

events, ranging from lectures to a

boat trip around the Gulf of Lerici, in venues which can all boast some

connection with the poet. Some

commemorate a writer the Victori-

ans would recognise; some a proto-

type Sixties radical. And others

question the price paid by those who

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surrounded the artist.

deterred the royal family from a revolutionary toff, wholly supporthonouring him; the Prince of Wales attended a fund-raising gala in Rome last month, and the Queen Mother (usually thought to be a Dick Francis fan) is the patron of the Keats-Shelley Memorial Association. Both Eton and University College, Oxford are marking their alumnus's anniversary, although he was wretched at the former and was sent down from the latter for

Typically Romantic view of the poet: Amelia Curran's portrait of Shelley, 1819

atheism in his first year. But Shelley seems to be insepara-

ed by unearned family income. A feminist who deserted his first wife. and reacted with apparent coolness to news of her subsequent suicide. An author with populist ambitions, he wrote long, obscure poems, full of characters with Greek names. The growth in his reputation over

the last 25 years is reflected in the sheer number of events planned for the bicentenary year. And the diversity of these events should make it possible to do justice to the contrable from irony and paradox. He was dictions in his life and his poetry.

SHELLEY EVENTS IN 1992

April 25: Shelley at Eton speeches and guided tour, Eton College, Berks April 25: Opening of "Shelley - Poet and Legislator" exhibition, New York Public Library Until Sep 8.

April 27: Opening of "Shelley's Guitar" exhibs tion, Bodleian Library. Oxford Until Aug 8

May 8-10: Weekend of poetry with English and Italian poets, including boar trip and Casa Magni visit. Lerici, Italy,

Late June: Opening of Shelley room and exhibition (part of large programme of local events. lorsham Museum.

June 21: Walks, poems, plaque-unveilings and daging of Frankenstein, Lynion, North Deson.

June 22-27: Seminar, concert, staging of Peacock's Nightmane Abber. and theme ball. University College, Oxford.

Early August: Dread Poets Society. BBC 2 play by Benjamin Zephaniah featuring the Shelleys and Byton.

October: Shelley film season, British Council. Rome

October 13: Actress reading Mary Shelley's dia-ries and letters, in Bahington's Tea Rooms. Piazza di Spagna, Rome.

and symposia are being held in New York (May). Oxford (June, as above), Gregynog, Mid-Wales (August), Tokyo (date to be confirmed). Salzburg (September). Rostock. Prague and Pretoria (ali October).

For information regarding these and other events, contact Kenneth Pritchard-Jones. Field Place, Warnham. Sussex RH12 3PB (0403

Barometer of our recent tastes

GALLERIES: LIVERPOOL

John Russell Taylor visits the Tate

Gallery's northern branch and finds many reasons to linger in Albert Dock

The least interesting and relevant thing about the main new installation at the Tate Gallery in Liverpool is its title, New Realities. At best it has the negative virtue of not meaning

anything in particular.
In 1970 Andy Warhol devised a show for the Museum of the Rhode Island School of Design, called "Raid the Icebox", in which he simply rummaged around in the storerooms to come up with an amazing trawl of the unfashionable, the dubious and the just plain daft.

Clearly someone has been doing the same for the Tate itself, with illuminating re-sults. Even though the recent policy of annual rotation at head office has unearthed a number of long-unseen works. what is on show in London at any given time remains merely the tip of the iceberg. For "New Realities", atten-

tion has been focused on western European paintings and sculpture bought by or for the Tate between 1945 and 1968. Because this is a period just far enough away to look dowdy without yet quite making it to Modern Classic status, this means that most of the works unearthed have not been seen since soon after they joined the collection.

There are, it is true, one or two pieces, such as Peter Blake's pioneering assemblage The Toy Shop of 1962 and Richard Hamilton's collage painting Interior II of 1964, which have remained familiar, turned up in surveys of Pop Art and in the case of the Hamilton, frequently been

recycled by the artist himself. Also, of course, the artists are British, and still very much with us. The French artists of tie same period are in no osition to be so vocal in the cause of their own perpetuation.

The Fifties, though of course no one knew at the time, were the tail end of the Ecole de Paris' greatness, and of the city's position, virtually unchallenged since the Impressionists, as the centre of everything worth observing in contemporary art.

One's first reaction to some of the pieces on show in Liverpool is inevitably "Good Lord, whatever possessed them to buy that?" But in the Fifties it was perfectly reasonable to acquire a Buffet selfportrait; now one has to remember that once every undergraduate record collection seemed to contain at least one Buffet cover for an Ella Fitzgerald songbook. Perhaps Buffet's reputation will never revive: it is admirably frank of the Tate to display such an

With other Parls-based realist painters, it is hard to be so certain. Hélion has been the subject of several recent revivals, and his later realistic work looks unexpectedly good. Probably, few people even know who Francis Gruber was, but his talent seems in Job (1944), a male nude against the Parisian townscape, to transcend the limitations of his Socialist Realism

B esides this, there is the sort of free-form lyrical abstraction which abstraction which grew up in Paris around the same time that Abstract Expression-ism grew up in New York. This has now acquired a sort of period charm, and maybe something more. De Stael is still approved of, if in a slightly patronising way, but it would be difficult to find a more desirable and painterly piece than his Landscape Study of



Discovery: Francis Gruber's Job (1944), "transcends the limitations of his Socialist Realism principles"

1952. And evidently it is time we took another look at such as Singler, Manessier and Intriguingly, one of the new

Korean painters on view up-stairs in Working with Na-ture, Hyong-Keun Yun, is producing work now which looks very like Soulages then. Meanwhile, a quick compari-son between these nearly forgotten French artists and the still famous Abstract Expressionists such as Pollock, Rothko and Gorky, included in Myth-Making downstairs, suggests the scales are not so weighted in favour of New York as the current critical wisdom would have it.

As revival time comes round for such other once-feted then forgotten movements as the Danish/Dutch CoBrA group, with its anticipations of Eighties Nec-Expressionism, and Italian Arte Povera, with its use of everyday material for fine art purposes, the Tate can congratulate itself again on its wisdom in acquiring good examples of, say, Karel Appel and Alberto Burri.

And when Op Art also has

its turn, the gallery will no doubt be as happy to possess classic Vasarely and early Bridget Riley. In the same way It clearly is now delighted to have all the wonderful Stanley Spencer works gathered together on the ground floor. After all, even Spencer had his posthumous dip in reputation, though now he looks to have as good a claim as any to the title of Britain's greatest 20thcentury artist.

 New Realities is a new threeyear display at the Tate Gallery, Albert Dock, Liverpool, (051-709 3223), revised annually. Working with Nature: Contemporary Art from Korea, continues ប្រាជៀ June 21.

Myth-Making: Abstract Art from the USA and Stanley Spencer: A Sort of Heaven continue until January 7, 1993

Going back to the roots

has happened to Don-aid Harrison. The last time I saw the brat pack one of those soberly dressed, super-efficient, conservatory-trained groups which spent most of the Eighties reducing hard bop to a grim set of mathematical formulae. All of a sudden he has traded in his suit for a New Orleans carni-val costume. Indian Blues (Candid CCD 79514), which draws on the Mardi Gras tionate parodies. traditions of Harrison's native

city, is the most unexpectedly enjoyable new release in In particular the album as one of the most promising celebrates one of the more bizarre facets of black New Orleans life, the Mardi Gras Indian tribes — groups of singers and percussionists

who parade the streets in Native American costumes. Harrison's father, Donald Snr, is the leader of one of the tribes. The Guardians of The Flame, and his voice can be heard leading the chanting on this recording, supported by congas and drums. On the best of the pieces his

son's saxophone is just one voice among many, surging in and out of the ensemble as it weaves unadorned call-andresponse phrases. With the estimable Dr John at the helm, "Hu-Ta-nay" sets the proceedings off at a gallop with a burst of percussion and thunderous piano chords. The momentum is maintained to the end, blending jazz with rhythm and blues. Apart from a rather dutiful "Cherokee". the project has a wonderfully exuberant and impromptu air about it: like a street parade.

Dr John turns up again on Up A Lazy River (Private Music 26266), the latest offering from Leon Redbone, who has unearthed another assortment of odd-ball melodies from the popular song archives. No tune, however bizarre or obscure, appears to be sale from him. Not many artists would think of reviving "When Dixie Stars Are Playing Peek-A-Boo" (co-written by the ragtime pianist J.

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Russel Robinson) or "At The swing revivalists. The strategy Chocolate Bon Bon Ball". between kitsch and musical scholarship. Behind the dark glasses, the music-hall moustache and the fruity baritone lies an astute musical sensibility. After a while, in fact, it is hard to distinguish between the genuine period pieces and one or two of his own affec-

John Pizzarelli's name means little to British audiences, but in New York the young guitarist is being fêted

appears to be to build him up Redbone walks a fine line as a mass-market singer-heartthrob. On All Of Me (Novus PD 90619) he gets the big band treatment.

Nothing wrong with that. but so far his voice - amiable but thin - scarcely begins to match his instrumental skills. Still, Pizzarelli has won out-standing reviews for his recent small group dates in Manhat-tan. There is every chance that he will hit the target next time he enters the studio.

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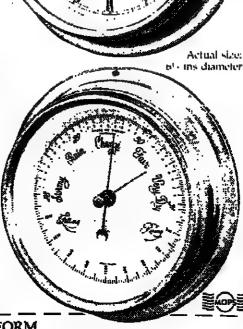
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WELSH National Opera has announced five new produc-tions for its 1992/1993 season, including a new staging of Donizetti's rarely performed La Favorita. The WNO season, the first under music director Carlo Rizzi. also features new productions of Elektra. Tristan und Isolde. Eugene Onegin and Tosca. which will be the first opera venture by theatre director Michael Blakemore.

Gate slammed

LONDON'S Gate Theatre, recently nominated for an Olivier award, has suffered a setback. It says it has been told there will be no Arts Council funding for an already-booked 40-venue tour this autumn of Lope de Vega's Madness in Valencia, despite the fact that the council funded the Gate's tour last year of Lope's The ARTS BRIEF

helped earn the Olivier

Bowling back

FILM director Michelangelo Antonioni, 80 years old this September, may venture behind the cameras again for a three-part film based on his story collection Bowling on the Tiber. A 1985 heart attack left him partially paralysed and unable to speak, but his wife, Great Pretenders. which Enrica Fico, speaks for him.

Ali aboard HOLLYWOOD star Jessica

Lange has received mixed

reviews for her Broadway debut in Tennessee Williams's A Streetcar Named Desire. Frank Rich of the New York Times said the problem with Lange's portrayal of Blanche du Bois was "less a matter of deficient stage experience than of emotional timidity" and he found her an "unequal partner" for her co-star. Alec Baldwin. Still, this is that rare New York show that may be 0411) until Saturday.

critic-proof: the run until August 9 is virtually sold out.

Last chance . . .

SHAKESPEARE chose Vienna as the setting for Measure for Measure, with its scenes of repressed sexuality alternating with murky lust. Trevor Nunn updates it to 1900, putting Freud's couch on stage, with excellent acting from David Haig and Claire Skinner. It is hard to imagine a clearer or more thrilling production. At the Young Vic (071-620 PRIORITY RESERVATION FORM To: Regency Clocks Ltd, 5A Crammavill St, Mr/Mrs/Miss Grays, Essex. RM16 2AP Please send me the following: Captain's Clock (quartz movement) at £14.95 (inc. VAT) plus £1.75 insured delivery.

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Dough to help female politicians rise

Jamie Dettmer on an American group funnelling fat cheques to selected female candidates to change the face of Congress

he offices are spartan, with formica-covered desktops and walls paint-The hum of a computer can be heard, conversation is low, tasks are carried out briskly. A splash of brightness from modern prints dotted around adds to an ambience distinctly similar to an upmarket doctor's waiting room.

But then maybe that is fitting for the Washington offices of a feminist political action committee where plans for some major surgery on America's body politic are being laid which could change the character of Congress.
Emily's List, which supports fe-

male Democrat candidates and is one of the most powerful political fundraising groups in America, is confident that this year money placed strategically right at the beginning of the electoral cycle will help to achieve the election of the first black female senator, increase female representation in the Senate from two to four or five, and raise the number of women in the House of Representatives from 29 to more

Emily is an acronym standing for Early Money is Like Yeast: cash support for women candidates at the start of a political campaign has an effect like yeast in breadmaking: it makes the dough rise. Or at least that is the theory behind an organisation which will have well over \$3 million to spend on backing 30 or so women in

congressional campaigns this year. Emily's List avoids the legallystipulated \$5,000 limit on political action committee donations to candidates by asking its members (mainly professional married women) to write their cheques out to candidates rather than to Emily's List. The list then "bundles" the on to candidates. Members have to commit themselves to writing three cheques of \$100 each every electoral cycle. The list supports only female, Democratic party candidates who are pro choice in abortion - and only those who stand the best chances of winning.

The reason for the recent rapid

growth in the list's membership from 2,800 to more than 10,000, can be traced directly to last ed institutional cream. autumn's Senate judiciary committee hearings into whether Clarence Thomas should join the bench of the US Supreme Court Judge Thomas's nomination by President Bush for a Supreme Court post was a red rag to the Democrat bull. The drama that unfolded in the committee room was triggered by the actions of a Democrat-dominated pro choice lobby which disapproved of the conservative judge's suspected anti-abortion leanings.

Members of the lobby heard about a law professor. Dr Anita Hill, who claimed privately that she had been sexually harassed ten years earlier by the judge. They leaked the information to the committee and when the senators kept the allegation secret, apparently at Dr Hill's request, they leaked again, this time to the press.

The judge became a symbol to many of American man's exploitation of American woman and the sight of an all-male senate committee questioning Dr Hill about her allegation and then accepting Judge Thomas's nomination enraged not only feminists.

enator Barbara Mikulski. a Democrat from Marytelevision recently: "Everywere there not more women? Why were there not women on the judiciary committee? Why didn't we see more women on the Senate floor?' And when I explained there are only two of us, it was, "Wow!"." Whether or not it was a Demo-

crat- or feminist-inspired smear designed to embarrass President Bush, the Clarence Thomas case was a shot in the arm for groups campaigning for an increase in the number of women in Congress.

"The political upheaval from the hearings is still being felt and will have an effect in November," says Ellen Malcolm, the heiress and philanthropist who started Emily's List in 1985 and is clearly astounded at its growth in the last few



Favoured candidate: Geraldine Ferraro, backed by pressure group Emily's List, is involved in the 'cat fight of the New York corral'

In March, there were signs that there could be an electoral breakthrough for women this year. A heavy turnout by women in the Illinois primaries led to a wave of victories for women candidates. The most dramatic success came when Carol Moseley Braun, a black with wide experience in Illinois state politics, snatched the

Democrat senatorial nomination from Senator Alan Dixon, who had voted in favour of Judge Thomas. It was Senator Dixon's first defeat in 30 elections. Ms Braun was inspired by the

Thomas hearings to enter the race. tion: "Why don't we have more

well, not only with black women. In affluent Chicago suburbs she won 62 per cent of the white female vote. "Women kept coming up to me saying they were tired of that boys' club," Ms Braun said after her

Illinois may well be a harbinger for other states. Women are run-

congressional, state legislative and gubernatorial races. Close attention is being paid to high-profile Senate contests in New York, California and Pennsylvania, where powerful female candidates stand good chances of capturing Democrat senatorial nominations from male incumbents. Candidates include Barbara Boxer and the former San

Francisco mayor Dianna Feinstein, both in California, and Lynn Yeakel in Pennsylvania.

Stiff battles are also under way in Arizona and lowa. The anti-politics mood in the United States, which is already being exploited by Jerry Brown and Texan billionaire H. Ross Perot, is helping to build up momentum behind femule candidacies.

An opinion poll conducted for the USA Today newspaper lust month suggests seven out of ten voters believe America would be better off if there were more women serving in congress "Women are seen as outsiders, outside the good of boy network," says Donna Peterson, a West Point graduate who is contesting a House sear in Texas for the Republicans against the Democratic party incumbent.

iss Peterson's campaign is a case study.
in how attitudes to women candidates have changed in just two years. She ran for the same seat in Texas in 1990 and quickly became known (courtesy of her opponent) as Captain Barbie Doll.

The Republican establishment gave her little support. "I was told I ooked more like someone Charlie Wilson would date than someone who could run against him." she says. This time round, even the condescending Texan hierarchy has realised Miss Peterson is within striking distance of causing an upset and is backing her to the hilt

The issues uppermost in the minds of voters - education, environment and health care - are also in areas where women candidates are perceived to be strong. Female candidates also score points among voters for their seemingly kinder, gentler rhetoric. It will be a mistake, however, to believe that women are incapable

of fighting tough when they like. In New York, an uncivil war between feminist groups has broken out over a decision by Emily's List to back Geraldine Ferraro, the former Democratic party vice-presidential nominee, over Elizabeth Holtzman, the city's comptroller general in charge of finance. The stand-off between the two feministcorrect' candidates and their supporters provoked a female journalist to dub the contest "cat fight of the New York corral".

living longer and staying healthier than at any time in the past we all know that. And a spinoff from this largely post-war phenomenon is that individuals are happy to become parents at an older age.

In 1991, Les Colley became Charlie Chaplin, Picasso, Denis Compton and Dr Christiaan Barnard, celebrated late fathers. But what of mothers? The idea of a new mother in her forties, lifties, or sixties is not easily accepted.

This double standard is being eroded - slowly. Kathleen Campbell became a mother by natural means in 1987, aged 55. But she is an

A woman who looks after herself and is basically healthy now stands a good chance of living into her eighties or even longer. Yet, while sperm production diminishes only slowly throughout adult life, ovarian failure still tends to take place around the 50 mark - and the quality of ova declines from many years earlier. Unlike

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Nature, science and the single mother

Are older unmarried women entitled to children?

sperm eggs do not freeze well. so cannot at present be stored for future use.

Nature is not fair. Infertility experts are now getting the sage: if a woman cannot make her own eggs, or call on her own supply of frozen ones, she can be given them by another woman.

Ovum donation (egg donation from the fertile to the infertile woman) helps two groups to bear children: the younger woman, who may have had a premature menopause, polycystic ovaries or surgical removal of her ovaries, chromosomal abnormalities affecting the development of the sex organs (for example, Turner's syndrome, with "streak" ovaries), or who may

Science under

the microscope

New books by Bryan Appleyard and Mary Midgley have taken a critical look at the idea that science is a panacea not

only for everyday ills but also for moral and spiritual

problems. Next month The Times, in association with Dillons

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be the carrier of a sex-linked disease (such as haemophilia or Duchenne muscular dystrophy): and the older woman who simply has declining ovarian function. The younger group has gained acceptance, the older has to fight for it.

As a 45-year-old single woman being treated at one of the London infertility centres. I have personal experience of the fight and have encountered both the bad and the good: on the one hand, the prejudices that still exist against allowing the older single woman to become pregnant; and on the other, the investigations that must rightly be made and the criteria which would-be mothers must fulfil before an infertility centre is satisfied that it is right to go ahead with treatment.

A pregnant 40- to 60-year-old first-time recipient of egg donation will be logged as an "eklerly primigravida" (technically, a woman having her first child over 35 years of age). There are some who are inclined to disapprove. If a woman has missed her chance earlier on, why should she have it now? Can her physiology take it? Can her psychology

And the child: if it doesn't fall prey to an Oedipus or Electra complex, won't it be dogged by a "Barbican" complex, when it simply doesn't

know where it is? A minefield, so let's tread carefully. One thing only is certain: that life is unpredictable, and everybody different. The essential ingredients - a spouse or a suitable father for the child, a point at which to make a break in a career, a home, financial stability, and, indeed a desire for motherhood — may not mix together in the right way at the right

(n my case, when at my most fertile I was working hell for leather to help establish a small research unit; in truth there was not the time to seek out the ideal father for my child, nor was one standing. arms akimbo, on my doorstep.

Then there was the lingering sickness and eventual death of my widowed mother and my responsibilities as the only child: it is not difficult to tell when the time is wrong. Since then, I have been lucky enough to find my own sperm donor who will be a father figure to any child I may have. When the ingredients do come

together for the older mother, the brew is likely to be richer and the potential for successful motherhood greater than if primigravida had stepped straight from school uniform into maternity tog, pigtails

The child's perception of having an older mother will be moulded by its mother's own confidence (or lack of it): if she is positive about timing and the means of conception, and meets the child's growing curi-osity with honesty, then the child will focus on the distinction of its heritage rather than any peer derision.

Medical screening and psy

chiatric evaluation (luxuries reserved for the few reproducing, in all senses, under the microscope) may be employed to profier some objective gauge, in advance of the pregnancy, of a mother's physical and mental well-being. Egg-donated elderly primigravida has been

'As a single woman, aged 45, being treated at an infertility centre, I have experienced the fight'

through the mill, you can bet, and has pondered all the eternal verities. What then of the other, vital, half: the donor? What's in it for her? Who is she? What does she do?

Since the donor is not paid. her motivation is a desire to give. Naively idealistic? Not really. It can be a rare chance for self-assertion to know that through you someone else has the chance to experience motherhood.

The donor should be be-tween 21 and 35 and preferably a mother herself, so her own fertility is not in doubt. All donors are tested for hepatitis B and HIV antibodies and should discuss with a doctor or counsellor what information they wish to be given following these tests. The donor is usually a volunteer (though she may be a generous patient, herself

undergoing sterilisation or assisted conception and with relative of the recipient). The donor is required to

visit the treatment centre. where counselling is carried out, and then undergoes a drug regime aimed at ripen-Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority's (HFEA) leaflet on egg donation notes that there can be side-effects while taking superovulatory drugs (hot flushes, weight gain, water retention) but that hey are not common.

The HFEA says it is estimated that 7 per cent of those taking the drugs develop ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, excessive development of eggs which causes the ovaries to swell. Between one and two per cent of women taking the drugs experience it so severely (symptoms include vomiting, pain and shortness of breath) that they require hospital Laparoscopy, one of the meth-

ods of egg collection, usually requires a general anaesthetic. but most women experience little discomfort or pain from the procedure. When mixed with the recipi ent's partner's sperm (or al-ready fertilised by it), three or four of the eggs or embryos will be transferred, preferably to the Fallopian tubes of the

recipient: her womb will have been thickened to receive them with progesterone (and sometimes oestrogen, too). The stage is now set for a new life. About one in four women given egg donation achieve a successful pregnancy. There is a tendency for centres to prefer the donor to give her eggs anonymously (donors have no relationship

in law with any child resulting another side: both donor and recipient often long to know one another's identity, and the future child may in time want to know its genetic mother. Knowledge all round is more subtle and complex than anonymity - but can often be handled well on behalf of all

by the older recipient with her mature perspective. And there is a special association between donor, recipient and child. One woman provides half the chromosomes, the other not only brings the child up but the child develops inside her. The child will certainly be a very real part of both the elderly primigravida and of the donor.

JANE WARD Jane Ward is a pseudonym. Anyone wishing to contact the writer to bas wishing in chinac to where to help her in her quest for at known egg donor may do so by witing to Box no 7611, giving a selephone number on which they can be contacted. **Help for**

ASTFIMA sufferers aged be-tween 13 and 16 are invited to a special conference to be held tomorrow by the National International Students House (next to Great Portland Street underground station) in central London. The NAC's new colour newsletter, Blasti, is also aimed at teenagers with letters from young sufferers and articles on celebrities who have not let asthma hold them back (Stephen Fry features in the first), and is distributed to all secondary schools in the United Kingdom.

Teenagers interested in attending the conference should telephone Helen McGovern at the NAC on 071-226 2260 to apply for a place. Lunch and refreshments will be provided free. The NAC also operates an Asthma Helpline from Ipm to 9pm on weekdays (telephone 0345 01 0203), which will deal with questions on any aspect of asthma and its treatment.

Have a heart

WALK OFF any Easter overindulgences next month, when Bartholomew, the makteams with the British Heart Foundation to organise eight sponsored walks around the English and Scottish country-

All the walks will take place on Sunday May 10, and they range from two to four and a quarter miles long. All are promised to be "easy to complete".

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ther information is available from bookshops or from: 12 Duncan Street, Edinburgh (031-667 9341), and there will be prizes of books to the highest fundraisers.

Classic export

THE CLASSIC British duffle coat has won a Queen's Award for Export 1992 for the company Gloverall, it was announced yesterday.

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the company claims. The range has been tested on humans rather than unimals and carries stamps of approval from the Vegetarian Society.

Larger range

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Called what looks like B B (for big and beautiful), it is apparently actually called BIB



All duffled up: the actor John Mills and his wife, Mary

duced without cruelty to animals) has been launched by Montagne Jeunesse, and is available at reasonable prices in supermarkets such as Asda. Co-op. Gateway, Safeway and Tesco, in addition to Harrods and leading chemists.

There is a Vitamin E Fre-

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tthe i disappearing, except for the gap between the two Bs). and was designed by the comfortably upholstered Danish Jytte Meilvang.

The range consists of flow ing jackets, loose silky trousers and soft tunic tops for moderate prices, mostly under £50, and it is available at Hennes

Write on.

POSSIBLY the first pen to be made of paper - recycled waste paper - has been launched by W.H. Smith. There is some plastic in it. but it is recycled plastic, and only 25 per cent of the amount most ballpoints carry. The pen costs £1.25.

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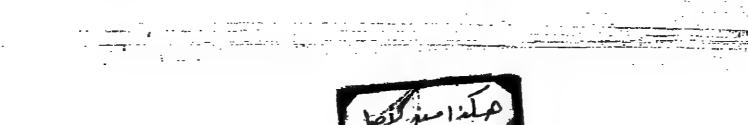
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It has taken me a while to realise that

my publicist is right. It's not the same -

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can also be the ultimate act of liberation.

high-school paper (titled, interestingly, The Voice), fearlessly castigating all soundrels from our closet-sized office.

But we kept our eyes glued to the floor during class discussion.

Parity this was shyness, a genderless

condition, but it was a condition rein-

forced by daily gendered reminders -- we

saw what happened to the girls who argued in class. The boys called them

public and the personal truly met.

"I am at the boiling point! If I do not find some day the use of my tongue . . I shall die of an intellectual repression, a woman's rights convulsion." - Elizabeth Cady Stanton, in a letter to Susan B

h, and then you'll be giving that speech at the Smithsonian on Tuesday on the status of American women," my publisher's publicist reminded me as she rattled off the list of "appearances" for the week. "What?" 1 thoked out. "I thought that was at least another month away." But the speech was distant only in my wishful consciousness. which pushed all such events into a mythical future when I would no longer lunge for smelling salts at the mention of

public speaking.

For the author of what was widely termed an "angry" and "forceful" book, I exhibit a timorous verbal demeanour that belies my barracuda blurbs. My fingers may belt out my views when I'm stationed before the computer, but stick a microphone in front of me and I'm a Victorian lady with the vapours. Like many female writers with strong convictions but weak stomachs for direct confrontation, I write so forcefully precisely because I speak so tentatively. One form of self-expression has over-compensated for the weakness of the other, like a blind person who develops a hypersensitive ear.

"Isn't it wonderful that so many people want to hear what you have to say about women's rights?" the publicist prodded. I grimaced. "About as wonderful as walking down the street with no clothes on." Yes. I wanted people to hear what I had to

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Stand up and say that

Susan Faludi says it's time for women to

stop being angry on paper and realise

how much mightier is the voice than the pen

his Saturday, 22 players will stream on to the pitch at

Prenton Park for the worn-

en's FA Cup final. There will be no live coverage on radio or television, but fans of Doncaster Belles and

Red Star Southampton will be able to watch extended highlights of the

game on Channel 4 the next day. Channel 4 was alone in champion-

ing women's volleyball and has

now followed this up with coverage

This year, British broadcasters

will spend more than £80 million

on sport. "The busiest year yet," according to Jonathan Martin, the

head of sport at the BBC. Televised sport is big business, but women's

sport hardly comes into the frame,

and never with the consistency

Last month, any viewers looking for sportswomen would have found

them in the World Figure Skating Championships on BBC 1. But

there was no exclusively female

event, whereas 87 per cent of the

The Women's Sports Founda-

tion point out that television is not

the sole offender. "Women's maga-

zines give lousy coverage, too: what

little sport they feature tends to be

equated with diet and fitness, not achievement and success," says Eileen Langsley, the foundation's deputy chair. But television influ-

ences both male and female attitudes: it is the big money spender,

"It comes down to the medium's

own arrogance," says Margaret

Talbot, a Carnegie professor at Leeds Polytechnic, whose recent research concentrated on women's sports. "They say, we know what people want, and it's not women's

sport. But until there is the sus-

tained coverage, and in quantity and quality, you can't tell."

The Sports Council's recent con-

sultative document, Women And

Sport, says: "The message clearly

given by national newspapers and

television is that 'Sport is for men,

and women play little part in the British sporting scene'."

Professor Talbot believes the message is damaging. "Ap-

parently, girls have so few visible female role-models in sport.

and hardly any from team games, that it is easy for them to infer that

grown women and sport don't mix,

and be discouraged from contin-uing with sport at all," she says.

"It's not just the quantity of the coverage, it's the quality."

Liz McColgan, the women's

10,000 metres world champion, points out that television coverage

does not just mean glory for individual athletes and the games

they play. "For anyone in sport,

television appearances increase the chance of getting sponsorship. And

awareness. Not just attracting spectators, but new participants, new talent — which in the end, is what

There have been honourable

exceptions. Channel 4 showed what could be done with its series

on women's volleyball and football;

the magazine programme Good

Sport, had a high proportion of

women on screen. But coverage in

mainstream sports programmes

sports editors," says Anita White, the development officer at the

Sports Council. "I first became

aware of it when I was captain of

England hockey in 1975. We won

the World Cup - the BBC gave it a

few seconds on the news. I think the

programmes themselves miss out

on exciting sports and it's also patently unfair."

"it's not always up to sports editors," says Adrian Metcalfe, who

gave volleyball its break while a

commissioning editor at Channel

4. Now the director of programmes

at Tyne Tees, he attributes a semi-

editorial influence to advertisers.

which they can sell men's products;

traditional sports programming gives them that audience. They can

get women at other times of day.
"Good sports coverage is expensive: 1 spent around £30,000 an

hour on volleyball ion production

costs). No editor will invest that sort

of money unless the organisers of

They want a male audience to

"I do think it's the bias of male

keeps the sport going."

remains sporadic.

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"bitches" and they can be a horror for the shy person, but it sat home Saturday

For me, it became the moment where the While both sexes fear public speaking (polisters tell us For many years, I believed the imbalit's the public's ance between my incensed writing and my atrophied vocal cords suited me just greatest fear, rival-ling even death). fine. After a few abysmal auditions for school plays (my one role was Nana the women - particudog in Peter Pan - not, needless to say, a larly women chalspeaking role) I retired my acting aspiralenging the status tions and retreated to the school newsquo - seem to be paper, a forum where I could bluster at injustices large and small without public more afraid, and with good reason. We do have more at My friend Barbara and I co-edited the stake Men risk a

loss of face; women

a loss of femininity. Men are chagnined if they blunder at the podium; women face humiliation either way. If we come across as commanding, our womanhood is called into question. If we reveal emotion, we are too hormonally driven to be taken

seriously.

I had my own taste of this double

standard while making the rounds of radio and television talk shows for my book tour. When I disputed a point with a man, male listeners would phone in to say they found my behaviour "offensive", or even "unattractive". And then there were my own internalised

feminine" voices:

don't interrupt, be

agreeable, keep the volume down. We're going to have to record that again," a weary radio producer said, rewinding the tape for the lifth time. "Your words are angry, but it's not coming through in your voice." In replacing lacerating speech with a

literary scalpel, I had adopted a well-worn female strategy, used most famously by Victorian female reformers protesting against slavery and women's lowly status. I want to be doing something with the pen, since no other means of action in politics are in a woman's power." Harriet Martineau, the British journalist, wrote in

But while their literature makes compelling reading the suffrage movement didn't get under way until women took a public stand from the platform of the Seneca Falls Women's Rights convention. And while Betty Friedan's 1963 book, The Feminine Mystique, raised the consciousness of millions of women, the contemporary women's movement only began to affect social policy when Ms Friedan and other feminists started addressing the public.

Public speech is a more powerful stimulus because it is more dangerous for the speaker. An almost physical act, it demands projecting one's voice, hurling it against the public ear. Writing, on the other hand, occurs at one remove. The writer asserts herself from behind the veil of the printed page.

The evening of the Smithsonian speech finally arrived. I stood knock-kneed and green-gilled before 300 people. Was it too late to plead a severe case of laryngitis? I cleared my throat ar J. to my shock, a

listening, with an intensity that strangely

emboldened me. It was as if their attentive silence allowed me to make contact with my own muffled self. I began to speak. A stinging point induced a ripple of agreement. I told a joke and they laughed. My voice got surer, my delivery rising. A charge passed between me and the audience, uniting and igniting us both. That internal "boiling point" that Elizabeth Cady Stanton described was no ionger under "intellectual repression" And its heat, I discovered, could set many kettles to whistling.

Afterward, it struck me that I hadn't really proved myself a feminist until now. Until you translate personal words on a page into public connections with other people, you aren't really part of a political movement. I hadn't declared my independence until I was willing to declare it out loud, I knew public speaking was important to reform public life, but I hadn't realised the transformative effect it could have on the speaker herself. Women need to be heard not just to change the world. but to change themselves.

I can't say that this epiphany has made me any less anxious when approaching the lettern, but it has made me more determined to speak in spite of the jitters and more hopeful that other women will do the same. Toward that end, I'd like to make a modest proposal for the next stage of the women's movement. A new meth od of consciousness-mising: feminist

Susan Faludi is the author of Backlash, the Undeclared War Against Women, published by Chano & Windus, £9,99,

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Emily Lau, democracy advocate: "We no longer happily accept an imposed choice of governor"

British — and undemocratic

or Emily Lau, the sugges-tion that Chris Patten is considering an offer of the governorship of Hong Kong is an example of the colony being used as "a convalescent home for shell-shocked victims of political warfare at Westminster".

Ms Lau, one of 60 Hong Kong legislative councillors and the leading advocate of democracy for the colony, agrees that being the gover-nor of the UK's last major colony as British rule runs out is an unenviable task. Never before has Britain handed a territory to a communist state against the wishes of its people, who are dedicated capitalsts. If Mr Patten, the chairman of the Conservative party and the former MP for Bath, should become the new governor, he will have to defend Hong Kong — the people and the financial centre against British indifference. Chinese rapaciousness and increasing panic in the colony. Ms Lau says.

Of Hong Kong's population of 5.6 million, 98 per cent are Chinese. The governor has always been selected without consulting local people. But. Ms Lau says, "the people are increasingly assertive and politically active and are no longer happy to accept the benevolent dictatorship that used to prevail

in the choice of governor."

She thinks the British have failed to understand how sensitive the choice of the last governor is for the residents. "Just before Christmas there were rumours that they might ask Lord David Wilson to retire. The Foreign Office said it was nonsense. A few weeks later he said he would resign.

The people were told that they would have to wait for the British elections before a decision could be made on a replacement. Ms Lau says: "Imagine the British being told they would have to do without a prime minister for six months pending the result of the American elections Unthinkable."

Through the British media, the Hong Kong Chinese have learned that there are several possibilities. "David Owen is one suggestion but he seems to have supported all three parties," she says. "He is also a loser. The Chinese don't like losers." And then there is Mr Patten: "He seems to be highly regarded but he has also lost his scar. We always seem to get secondbest, has beens or never-wases."

Ms Lau does not think the governorship should be seen as a reward. "They say it is a plum job: you get twice the pay of the prime minister, £152,000, making you Britain's highest-earning civil servant. You get a Daimler with

A Hong Kong councillor says the colony should be allowed to elect its own governor

crowns in place of numberplates, a yacht and a life pension. But you also get five million worried Hong Kong Chinese."

The councillors have no influence over who will be next governor. But when Ms Lau came to London in February and visited the Foreign Office she says they did ask her whom she would like. "When I said somebody local, they said it was out of the question." The problem is that China views a local governor as a dangerous encouragement to Cantonese dissidents

and Hong Kong nationalism.

Ms Lau believes the people of Hong Kong have not done enough to further their own cause. Most

'I think we should have had a referendum about what should happen in 1997'

Chinese, she says, are not naturally political. "Most of my parents' generation were refugees and thought they would one day go back to China. Then when they realised they couldn't, they were very grateful to the British for protecting them and looking after them," she says. "Many concentrated on making enough money to emigrate, which has always been a Hong Kong phenomenon and means that nobody ever thinks

anything is permanent." The other problem is their ambivalence. "On the one hand, they are scared by communism. Most still have relatives in China and are keenly aware of the huge gap in freedom and living standards between the communist and capitalist systems. On the other hand, they are proud Chinese who do not want

Like many. Ms Lau's family lost everything in China. Her halfbrother was killed by communists,

her father died when she was four and her mother went to work as a live-in domestic servant in Hong Kong. She ended up sharing three rooms with 30 relatives who have recently fled China. "We were taught absolutely nothing about politics at school," she says. "We didn't know what communism and

democracy meant." Ms Lau's conversion came when she went to the United States to study broadcast journalism. "I was hit by the Watergate crisis and that was the first time that I became politicised and realised that journalism is about reporting the hopes and fears of a community, not just

the government line." At the South China Morning Post and then TVB, the Hong Kong television station, she worked as a reporter and producer of current affairs. She came to Britain in 1981, eventually becoming an assistant producer in the BBC.

Ms Lau has a British passport from her first marriage to a British journalist but when the Sino-British joint declaration was con-cluded in 1984, she went home. "Hong Kong is not a country. The people in Hong Kong are not proud of saying 'I am a Hong Kong person'. There is no proper word for it 'Hong Konger' sounds grotesque but Hong Kong is my only real home," she says. "I had to be there when it was in trouble."

When Margaret Thatcher visited Hong Kong, Ms Lau was among the first journalists to question her. "Prime minister, two years ago you signed an agreement with China to deliver five million people into the hands of a communist dictatorship," she said. "Is that morally defensible? Or is it true that in international politics the highest form of morality is one's own national interests?

Mrs Thatcher, she says, replied that Britain had done its best. Now 40. Ms Lau gave up 20 years of journalism to stand last year in the first democratic elections to the legislative council, which makes laws and approves government expenditure but has no political say in Hong Kong's future. Of its 60 members, only 18 are directly elected; 17 are appointed by the government and 21 are

members because of their positions. Ms Lau says: "I think we should have had a referendum [about what should happen in 1997]. I have no idea what the results would have been but at least then we would have had what the majority wanted. Nobody wants what we

ALICE THOMSON | the sport offer a good product and

Blowing the whistle on coverage

Although women may play games, they are not given a sporting chance on television

know what television needs. Five years ago, the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) showed that it had its act together, by producing a package of exciting players, properly scheduled tournaments and good crowds. It had a clear sports infrastructure, and it got results."

The WTA had a major advantage since women's tennis already had a place in international television schedules.

To ensure volleybail had tele-vision appeal, Mr Metcalfe put the teams into semi-aerobics gear and bussed spectators into the Albert Hall. He is unapologetic "A lot of sport is about looking good, male or female, and it helped people

Women's sport organisers have also begun to package their spon. and not just for television.

t the All England Women's Lacrosse Association, the chief executive, Jacqueline Lunn, says they have concentrated more on extending the game from its traditional public school base. and that the results are showing. "There's a practical reason too: unlike the men's game, we have no boundaries on the pitch, which makes it hard to televise. It's something the Women's International Federation has to consider,"

Earlier this year. Air Martin of the BBC signalled some change. "We have to attract a lot more women to the screen to justify the amount of money and time we are spending on sport." he announced at a press launch. "It's a matter of policy rather than accident that we have two women presenters [Helen Rollason and Anna Walker - and we are looking for more."

Ms Rollason, the regular presenter of Spon on Friday, is a former PE teacher with impeccable television credentials in production as well as front of camera. She warms that, while pro-women's sports, she is a relevision animal. "This is what upsets me. Only now are most women in sport organisers and individuals realising what TV needs. For instance, last November, we curried the netball international. It was very well done, very well organised. But now it's up to the governing body to capitalise on the enthusiasm that was generated and come forward with their suggestions, not just wait for the BBC.

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Did you see? Hope Powell and Debbie Bampton of Millwall Lionesses in the 1991 FA Cup final

Hold those cries of facadism

Christopher Warman on plans to revitalise No 1 Old Broad Street in the City's banking conservation area

listed building would be demolished in a redevelopment announced by National Westminster Bank for its 1.25-acre site in the Bank conservation area in the heart of the City of London.

The sensitive site, in front of the NatWest tower and bound by Old Broad Street and Threadneedle Street, has 10 buildings, six of which are listed. The plans, by the Fitzroy Robinson Partnership, envisage retaining the façades of all the listed buildings, apart from the one at the junction of the two streets, as well as two banking halls.

After the controversy surrounding Lord Palumbo's proposed redevelopment of the Mappin & Webb site not far away, the plans are likely to attract criticism from conservationists, and the architects have mounted an exhibition at No 1 Old Broad Street (the building to be demolished) to explain them.

The architects believe that No 1. built in 1903, but altered since, is overshadowed by neighbouring buildings and no longer adequate to "command this vital corner".

Gordon Blythe of the Fitzroy Robinson Partnership says that they thought a total demolition would be wrong. He said there was instead a wonderful opportunity to create a strong, modern building at the end of a long vista to enhance

The new building proposed for No I Old Broad Street has a rotunda that provides a public entrance to the shops that will form part of the scheme. A new shopping

There is a wonderful opportunity to create a strong, modern building'

court with 22 retail units, a restaurant and a wine bar, will be at its centre. Above, three new office buildings of 130,000 sq ft, 34,000 sq ft and 66,000 sq ft will rise, mostly behind retained facades. Since the National Westminster Bank was formed in 1970, it has

become one of the City's largest

landowners and tenants, and has

progressively acquired the build-ings on this site, overlooked by the NatWest tower.

During the past three years, NatWest has undertaken extensive research into the possibility of refurbishing the buildings, while considering their functions, conservation and historic context and planning policies. NatWest says the overwhelming conclusion was that the properties have reached the end of their useful life.

David Edmonds, the general manager of NatWest's property management division, says the project combines high quality ar-chitectural conservation with excellent modern buildings to bring life to this prime area of the City.

Anticipating conservationist criti-cism of the proposals as "facadism", the architects argue that the retention of the interiors of the listed buildings is not justified because they have no historic or architectural relevance.

Mr Blythe said the proposals, prepared over the last 18 months, kept the scale and character of the conservation area. A planning application will be submitted shortly. with the likelihood of an enquiry into the scheme to follow.

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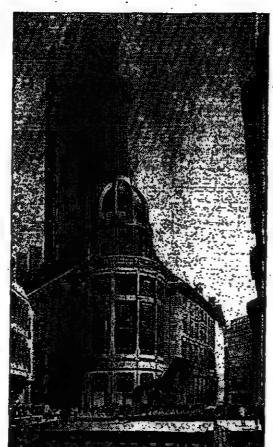
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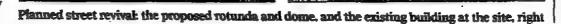
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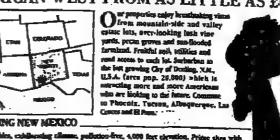
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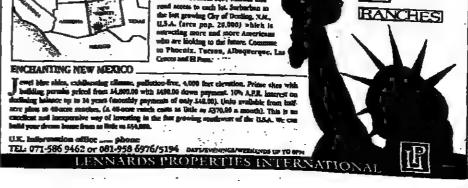
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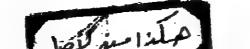
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Extra, extra: beautiful surroundings of the house (above left) at Stocks Farm in Hertfordshire make up for its small garden, while Venters in Rusper, West Sussex (right) comes with its own woodland

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£800.000 invited." This is how an advertisement for the perfect English country house might read. Prescient readers will already have realised that the house does not exist. Ian Stewart, from

the estate agents Savills, has put together this description of his dients' dream house.

Those more interested in reality can learn from Savills. This outline of the standard dream also reveals what is perceived to be less than perfect. Such features are disregarded or positively marked down in valuations, though to buyers with a different view of perfection, they could be bonuses.

Take whirlpools, saunas, and croquet lawns, none of which feature in the ideal country house. To install a whirlpool might cost £10,000, a sauna £3,000 and a croquet lawn £5.000. Yet Savills adds no value to a house which has

Rachel Kelly on the hidden savings and advantages in 'different' country homes

such features, because most buyers are not interested. A squash court would cost \$40,000 to install, but adds only £15,000 to the value of a house. Garden landscaping might cost £25,000, but would add only £15,000 to a house price. A good security system costs £5,000 to install, but only £3,000 if already in

place. An outdoor heated swimming pool costs £25,000 to build, adding only £20,000 in value. There are also bargains to be had for those who remain open-minded about the surroundings of their country house. Five to ten acres has become the perfect amount of land, adding 10 per cent to the price of a house. In the South-East, Dawn Carritt from Jackson-Stops & Staff calculates that such land would cost £3,000 an acre. The price falls, however, if you are prepared to take on more land, to the price of agricultural land at £1,500 an acre. Woodland, especially if tatty, is

perceived as a bore by most,

get four acres at a nominal addi-tional cost to the property, probably not much more than £500 an acre." There are savings to be made on properties with rights of way, which "frighten off buyers" according to

because of the work needed. Jack-son-Stops & Staff is selling Venters

in Rusper, West Sussex, for £450,000, with woodland as an

inexpensive bonus. There are about four acres on sale with a restored 16th-century timber-framed coun-

try house, with reception half.

drawing room, sitting room, study,

five bedrooms, two bathrooms,

breakfast room and kitchen. "This

is very good value if you like woodland," says Ms Carrit. " You

Mr Stewart. "Prices will be propor-tionately down if they are bang across the lawn," he says. "But they might be rarely used."

Near Tring in Hernfordshire, Incombe Wick House is part of the Stocks Farm complex, a group of eight 16th and 17th-century farm buildings. It would not qualify as an ideal country house for several reasons, not least its small garden, and is priced accordingly at £275,000. But to some that might be an advantage, since the house sits at the foot of Chiltern Hills, and to the north, south and east lie some 4,000 acres of National Trust land forming the Ashridge Estate, a bonus for any buyer.

A taste of village life

A cottage in Nedging Tye spands romantic and is just that. Wolses House near Hadleigh in Suffuls. has just gone on the marker for £175,000 and is likely to be snapped up. It stands back from the road at the end of its own gravel driveway, bordered by mature laurel hedges, on the outskirts of the tiny village (which has no shops). An oak door leads through the hall, to the drawing room with its inglenook fireplace and oak beams. There is a study, and kitchen with room for a table, a utility room, and large downstairs bathroom with a Victorian style, mahoganypanelled bath. Upstaits there are three bedrooms, a dressing room, and a shower room.

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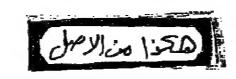


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Duty on educational needs

Regina v Isle of Wight County Council, Ex parte A S Same v Same, Ex parte R S Before Mr Justice Schiemann [Judgment April 15]

Where a local education authority had made an assessment, under section 5 of the Education Act 1981, that a child for which it was responsible had special educational needs and had prepared and served a proposed statement on the parents of the child, pursuant to section 7(3), there was no obligation on the authority thereafter to make a statement, under section 7(1), of the child's special educational needs.

Where a local education aupursuant to section 7(1) of a child's special educational needs, it was entitled to discontinue maintaining such a statement. in paragraph 6 of Part II of Schedule I to the 1981 Act. or if the parents requested the au-thority to make an assessment under section 5, whereupon the same procedure provided for in the Act took effect as upon the

Mr Justice Schiemann so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division refusing the applications of the mother of AS and RS for, inter alia.

Before Lord Justice Warkins and

Where the medical cause of a death was accompanied by concurrent events which them-

selves might be a cause of death.

there was a case for considering

whether the death was not natural and whether an inquest should be

The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held in granting an application from Mrs Doris Thomas for judicial review of the decision of the Poplar Coroner.

Mr Douglas Chambers, that no inquest should be held into the

death of her daughter. Mavis

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the applicant; Mr Terence Coghlan

MR JUSTICE TUDOR EV-

NS said Miss Thomas was a life-

long suffer from asthma. She had suffered an asthmatic attack

about 1 am on April 9, 1989 and a neighbour had dialled 999 and

Thomas, aged 17.

(Judgment April 13)

certiorari to quash the decision of the county council on December 12, 1991, that it would no longer maintain a statement in respect of A S and that it would not make a final statement in respect of R S.

Mr John Friel for the applicants; Mr Philip Havers for the

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that by virtue of section 2 of the 1981 Act every local authority had to keep under review the arrangements made by them for "special educational provision", a term of an which was defined in section 1(3).

His Lordship said that it was clear from consideration of section 5 of the Act that a local authority was entitled to come to a decision that it was not required to determine the special educational provision for a child. If it point in moving on to serve a

If, however, the authority did not decide that it was not required to determine the special educa-tional provision that should be made for a child, it by no means followed that the authority was of the opinion that it should deter-mine the special educational provision that should be made for the child.

Concurrent events

justify inquest

Regina v Poplar Coroner, Ex asked for the ambulance service.

keep an open mind on the point and make a proposed statement and serve it on the parent under

The wording of section 7(1) made it clear that the authority was only empowered to make a statement if at the time of making the statement, not at the time of serving a copy of the proposed statement, it was of the opinion that it should determine that special educational provision should be made for the child.

It would perhaps be unusual for an authority, in the absence of representations from the parents, not to make a statement once it had served a copy of the proposed statement but there was no legal inhibition on adopting such a course even in the absence of any underlying change in the facts.

Once the authority decided it was not required to determine the special educational provision, it had to notify the parent of his right of appeal to the Secretary of State for Education and Science

For similar reasons, once a proposed statement had been served and the parents had made representations about its contents, the authority was not obliged to make a statement. There would still be an obligation to notify the parents of the right of under section 5(6).

Where the parents of a child for statement under section 7(1) asked the authority to make a new assessment under section 5, then if the authority made such an assessment the position was the same as it was after the initial assessment the authority could decide that it was not required to determine the special educational provision that should be made for the child

That would give the parents the right of appeal under section 5(6), or the authority could move to the procedure under section 7 with the consequences following from that. Although the parents would initiate the procedure under section 9(2) it could result in a state of affairs that no statement was maintained, although it might have done so with a view to amending the provisions of the existing statement.

It was clear that the Act provided a mechanism for the au-thority itself to initiate any change it might wish to make to a situation governed by an exisiting statement that mechanism was in paragraph 6 of Part II of Schedule 1.

Solicitors: A. E. Smith & Son, Stroud: Mr F. R. Hetherington, Newport, IoW.

Council not liable for sex abuse

Before Mr Justice Potter

[Judgment April 15] A local education authority which, in furtherance of its duty under the Education Act 1981 to make provision for children with special educational needs, sent boys with emotional and behavioural difficulties to an independent school approved by the Secretary of State for Education and Science was not liable in negligence for sexual abuse which was committed on the boys by the headmaster of that school Mr Justice Potter so held in the

Queen's Bench Division giving judgment in open court after hearings in chambers in three actions for damages arising out of the placement of boys at a school in Shropshire which had sub-sequently been closed following the conviction of the headmaster on various charges of buggery and sexual assault against pupils. In the first action an order of Master Topley striking out a claim in negligence against Har-row London Borough Council as

Lacey v Harrison

Before Judge Dobry, QC Judgment April 14]

A court had discretion to order that a defence to a personal injuries action should be struck out unless the defendant agreed to

undergo a medical examination to investigate whether he was

capable of remembering the ac-

capable of reruembering the ac-cident where he was the only witness for his pleaded defence. Judge Dobry, QC, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Di-vision so held in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Chris-topher Charles Lacey, against a decision of Judge Goodman in the Northampton District Registry, refusing to order that the defence be struck out unless the defen-

be struck out unless the defen-dant, Matthew William Harri-son, underwent a medical examination by, and his medical notes were released to a doctor selected by the plaintiff. Judg-

ment was given in open court after a hearing in chambers.

Mr Roderick Noble for the

HIS LORDSHIP said that

there was a well established rule

that a party to a personal injuries

action, whether plaintiff on a claim or defendant on a counter-

claim, could be required to submit to a medical examination.

It seemed that the judgment in Cosgrove v Baker (unreported, December 14, 1979 CA)

plaintiff: Mr Donald Hamilton

to decide upon what criteria the approval of independent schools was to be given and no indepen-dent role or requirement was conferred upon the local authority for that purpose.

The duty of care postulated was a duty of care alleged to exist atone remove from the damag, which occurred and the acts

the third an order of pre-action

discovery against the council was

Mr Frederic Reynold, QC and Mr Simon Carr for the plaintiffs

in the first action; Mr Frederic

Reynold, QC and Mr Richard Clayton for the plaintiffs in the

second and third actions: Mr

Patrick Hamlin for the local

MR JUSTICE POTTER said that since all the plaintiffs at all times remained in the custody

and care of their parents and none was in the care of the

council, the council's statutory

duties in respect of the plaintiffs were effectively limited to assess-

provision of an appropriate place.

It was for the secretary of state

against the occurrence or repeution of such harm by means of a system of monitoring and followanticipated or provided for in the scheme regulating the local authority's functions in educa-

The implications, if only of a budgetary nature, if such a duty of plainly be far reaching.

The questions to be considered were the three laid down in Caparo industries plc v Dickman [1990] 2 AC 605, 617-618): foreseeability, proximity and the justice of imposing liability. It was difficult to see that

assaults of the type complained of upon pupils at the school were foreseeable at least in the absence of any specific complaint coming to the knowledge of the local authority. The local authority's contact

with the plaintiffs was wholly in the context of assessment and place provision and not in the

relationship of proximin in respect of the pupil's physical safety and welfare ever existed by reason of the local authority's statutory and S HMES WEI

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educational responsibility It had to be asked whether it could be right as a matter of policy to impose a substantial further protective duty and function not contemplated by the statutory

tion detectible in the statutory scheme to impose a duty of care in respect of the physical safety and day-to-day welfare of the children to whom a place was allotted in an independent school approved by the secretary of state No complaint was made of the

There was no purpose or inten-

process of assessment of the plaintiffs' educational needs or the provision of the school in the

first place.
Investigation and inspection were plainly matters for the secretary of state and formed no part of the local authority's duties. Solicitors: Blackman & Blackman, Harrow: Seymour Major & Co. Harrow: Mr Hugh

Medical examination term is valid

Counsel's duty in returning briefs

The neighbour got a recorded reply: "There is no one here at present. Please hold on and we will answer your call as soon as we

It was decided to take Miss Thomas to hospital by car but on the way she collapsed and the car was stopped while attempts were made to revive her.

The police were called and one of them dialled 999 at 1.16am urgently requesting an am-bulance. An ambulance did arrive at 1,40am but it was too late and she died at 1.55am.

The coroner had decided that death resulting from status asthmaticus, a condition with a considerable natural mortality, was death by natural causes, and no inquest was required.

That approach was not correct. The coroner should have asked himself whether on the un-disputed evidence there might death aggravated by lack of care. Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Deighton Guedalla;

Practice Direction (Court of Appeal: Civil Division: Short Warned List) (No 2)

Minor araendments would be made to Practice Direction (Court of Appeal: Civil Division: Short Warned List) (The Times March 9, 1992; [1992] 1 WLR 371) to avoid any possible misundestranding as to the nature of understanding as to the nature of course's duty once an appeal assigned to the short warned list was called on for hearing.

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, sitting in the Cours of Appeal with Lord Instice

Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss on April 13, republished the practice direction as THE MASTER OF THE

ROLLS stated that it had been suggested to him that the recent direction was capable of being construed as an assertion that counsel was under an absolute duty to ensure that his client was represented at the hearing by counsel who was fully instructed and able to argue the case: see the first sentence of the third

It was not so intended. Pro-fessional duties, although undoubtedly onerous, did not ext to requiring the achievement of the impossible. With a view to avoiding any misunderstanding his Lordship would republish the practice direction with the offend-

"Once an appeal is 'called on for hearing' it becomes the immediate personal professional duty of counsel instructed in the appeal to take all practicable measures with a view to ensuring that his lay client is represented at the hearing by counsel who is fully instructed and able to argue the

Similarly in the third sentence of the fourth paragraph his Lord-ship amended the practice direction to read:

... It should be known that the court has power under section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, as substituted by section 4 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, to order counsel who has failed in his duty to pay any

circumstances that rule could be extended to a defendant whose liability depended on his medical condition.

The question of fact in the instant case was whether the defendant could remember the accident and having regard to the circumstances, that could apparently be tested by a medical examination.

xamination. In Edmeades v Thames Board Mills Led (1969) 2 QB 67, 71) Lord Denning had said that the

grant a stay whenever it was reasonable and just to do so. Striking out the defence unless the defendant submitted to a

medica: examination was com-parable to the stay in the Edmeades case.

It was appreciated that an order to strike out a defence was far

more draconian than an order to stay proceedings. The burden of proof in respect of an order to stay proceedings and an order to strike out was different. Edmeades, when one dealt with an "unless order" the ruling consideration was whether the able request prevented the just determination of the cause. In exceptional circumstances such as the present that was the situation

Solicitors: Robert Gore & Co for Shoosmiths & Harrison.

Court of Appeal is not apt after change of judges

Miah v Secretary of State for the Home Department

It was not appropriate to go to the Court of Appeal when fresh grounds of appeal came to light many months after that court had dealt with the matter and when the constitution of the court had

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Nolan) so stated on April 3 in dismissi a renewed appeal for leave to move for judicial review by Mr Hassan Miah against the decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department refusing to reconsider the position of Mr

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that Mr Mish had applied for judicial review in December 1990. That application was re-fused but was renewed in the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Mustill, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Bingham) on May 22, 1991, when it was refused.

However. Mr Mish's counsel However, Mr Miah's counsel sought to re-open the case on fresh grounds and came directly to the Court of Appeal relying on a passage of Lord Donaldson, Master of the Rolls in M v Home Office (The Times December 2, 1991; [1992] 2 WLR 73). advantage of a renewed applica-tion being made to the Court of Appeal in which the same constitution had recently been dealing. It was quite different when the application was made months after the Court of Appeal had last dealt with the matter on grounds not then considered and when the constitution of the court had changed.

The correct procedure would have been to make a fresh applica-

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at an attempt to reduce household

injuries at the planning stage

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ore than 250,000 children a year are taken to hospital as a result of accidents at home. Simple design improvements and safety measures could reduce the number of accidents by a third. The argument for developers, architects, designers and housebuilders to build safer homes is a compelling one.

To date only one housebuilder markets what it describes as a "supersafe" home, and that has only been available since last month.

"I think it's the first developer I've ever heard of who has designed a house with the under-fives in mind," says Dr Hugh Jackson, the founder of the Child Accident Prevention Trust.

The three-bedroom detached Tudor-style house was developed with help from the trust and the child health department at Newcastle university. The first ex-ample of the genre is on show in

Cochrane Park, a new housing dev-elopment of 60 houses in a suburb of Newcastle. It targets the main causes of accidents involving young children, which include falls down stairs and scalds in the kitchen.

"Though these are not the causes of the most serious injuries, which include things like falling out of windows, they are the most com-

mon accidents," Dr Jackson says. The house developed housebuilders Bellway Homes has not only stair-gate fittings at the top and bottom of stairs, but an extra lower-level handrail small enough for a child's hand.

The kitchen has more discreet features such as two lockable cupboards, one under the sink for storing bleach, another in which to secure medicines. There is a fridge lock and small cushions to fit onto sharp corners on furniture; a fire blanket; and a first-aid kit. The blanket is essential for the dousing of, for example, chip-pan fires.

All sockets in the house are twinpoled, so when switched off even a screwdriver inserted into one of the pins would not produce a shock. The windows on Bellway's home can be limited to an opening of four inches. All fires have fireguards and the house's electrical system has trip circuit breakers to guard against electrocution.

The structure of the house complements such gadgets and helps mitigate against accidents. Glass doors have been avoided, especially near the bottom of stairs, and outside steps are wide with bullnosed edges to avoid hazardous.

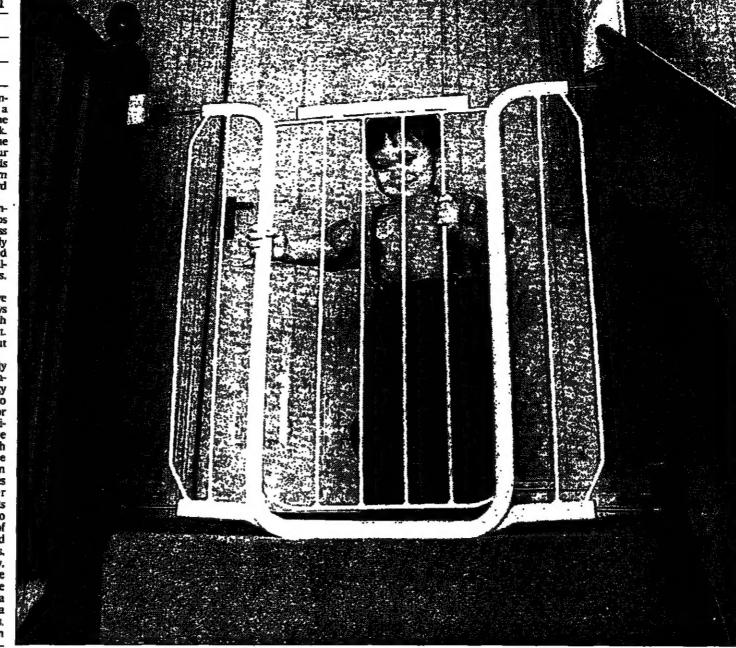
But the single most effective measure is a smoke detector, says Dr Jackson, "It reduces the death rate from fires by 70 per cent. People die not from flames but from asphyxiation."

A smoke detector is not only effective but also unobtrusive, unlike many of the other home safety measures which may be offensive to

the purist interior designer or architect's eye. It is the design cost which complicates the simple equation that safe homes better equal homes. Architects have preferred to leave the design of homes unscathed by such gadgets, although this may, in some cases, be

out of ignorance rather than choice. "I remember a recent competition held to design a modern home," Dr Jackson says. "The designs were incredible in terms of the dangers they created — stairs without risers. a balustrade without vertical bannisters, stairs ending by a window, balconies with horizontal railings so that a child could dimb over them. Then I showed some architects slides I had of children who had had accidents.

Dr Liz Towner, a senior research associate from the department of child health at Newcastle university, agrees that safety for the underfives is a subject most architects have not contemplated.



Home guard: a stair-gate and a second lower-level handrail are simple precautions to prevent children from falling down stairs

"I think the attitude is that 'after all kids have always lived in homes and they must have survived'," she

says.
When architects do consider the They were astonished." subject, they are torn between a desire for safety and its cost. financially and aesthetically. External structural changes can be incorporated at no great loss to the overall design. Some internal features are as unobtrusive as the

smoke alarm, such as plate glass which doesn't shatter into shards. for example. But other internal eatures suffer from poor design of the components.

"If such safety features' components became more standard, more companies would produce the components and the design would improve," says ian Colquhoun, the Royal Institute of British Architects' spokesman on housing design. "I

hope that Bellway's idea of a safe home will catch on." Part of the problem for architects

is that clients neither expect nor wish to pay for safety features focusing on young children at the moment, though more general safety is a priority.

"Architects are not being asked to incorporate such features by their clients," Mr Colquboun says. "Requirements are set out in client briefs and most briefs do not call for that type of provision. There are so many other factors affecting the design of housing, including cost."

A house both safe and stylish remains an ideal, one which may yet become a challenge for architects. Meanwhile, the question for most parents is whether a house's appearance or a child's safety is more important. Such a question should need no answer.

Defence plan for property sales

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Queen's Gase Terrace, a row of Victorian terrace houses in South Kensington, the latest defence ministry real estate to hit the property market. The MoD will not discuss prices, but market speculation suggests a figure of £10 million. On sale to the rear are three properties fronting Peter-sham Mews.

The six-storey Grade 11 midnineteenth century houses were originally built as private houses. In 1863 the houses were converted into the South Kensington Hotel. In 1954 the MoD moved in and used the building as a hostel for naval personnel in London.

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The MoD is also selling a series of terrace houses in Hendon, north-west London. Number 15 Cranfield Drive, 2 Gaydon Lane, 13 and 19 Heywood Avenue, and 13 Tangmere Way are Fifties-built ex-RAF married quarters. Countrywide surveyors are selling them by tender and hope for about £30,000

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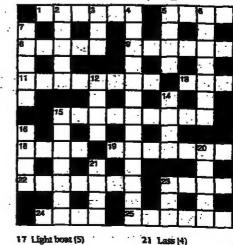
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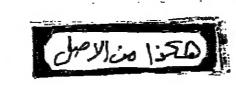
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Durham couple's dream of moving into a cottage recedes as house prices rise in the Yorkshire Dales (2980629) 9.00 Film: She Done Him Wrong (1933, b/w). Award-winning comedy starring Mae West as a saloon keeper in New York's Bowery during the 1890s, who falls for undercover policeman Cary Grant. Directed

by Lowell Sherman (7730938) 10.05 Look Stranger: Man of Letters. A profile of Ronnie Robson, a Yorkshire postman and columnist for the Ripon Gazette (r) (3602416)

10.30 World Snooker. Earnonn Holmes introduces further live coverage from cound one of the Embassy World Professional championship from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. Jimmy White plays Tony Drago of Malto, and there are highlights of Terry Griffith's final session against the Canadian Bob Chaperon (21826377)

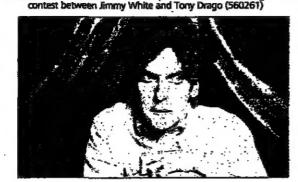
1.20 Johnson and Friends, Puppet series (r) (24272938) 1.30 Spider. Cartoon (r) (21202342)

1.35 Country File. John Craven presents rural issues (r) (23596795)
2.00 News and weather (30746648) followed by World Snooker.
Includes the dimax of the match between Steve James and Dene O'Kane of New Zealand, and the start of Alain Robidoux against Nigel Bond (15828808), Including at 3.00 News and weather 3.50 News and weather, regional news and weather 6.00 Star Treic The Next Generation. More space-faring adventures

starring Patrick Stewart (983667)
6.50 Def II: Rough Guide to the World's Journeys. Magenta de Vine
and Sankha Guha travel through Indonesia (r) (548803)
7.30 Artrageous. Jason Rebello reports on a Cardiff building that looks

like a squashed toilet roll, and designer jewellery for cats and dogs

8.00 The Burled Mirror: The Virgin and the Bull
CHOICE: Taking the Columbus anniversary as his cue, the
Mexican writer Carlos Fuentes presents a five-part discourse on the
cultural interaction of Spain and Latin America. passionate, Fuentes is a formidable anchorman. In tonight's programme he guides us through the history of Spain from the cave programme he guides us through the history of Spain from the cave dwellers to 1492. His theme is the development of a cultural diversity which embraced Christian, Jewish and Arab strands and became superimposed on the New World. Fuentes brings fresh insights to such familiar rituals as the bull fight, the fiamenco and the celebration of the Virgin Mary, while charting the rise of Islam and the Renaissance spirit which took Spain across the seas. Produced by Peter Gill, whose credits go back to Kenneth Clark's California (In committee to the product of the committee of the product of the committee of the product of the committee Civilisation, it promises to be a quality series. (Ceefax) (5311)
9.00 World Snooker. David Vine presents further coverage of the



Millionaire turned amateur sleuth: Peter Capaldi (9.40om

9.40 Mr Wakefield's Crusade

OCHOICE: Bernice Rubens's bizarrely comic mystery is brought to television by producer Ruth Caleb and director Angela Pope, the team behind the memorable Aids drama Sweet As You Are. Peter Capaldi plays Mr Wakefield, the bored young millionaire who turns amateur detective when a man drops dead in a post office queue. Convinced that he has stumbled on a case of murder, Wakefield sets out after the truth and is led into by-ways he could never have imagined. Any feeling that the story is too silly to bother with is more than offset by the crazy logic of the piece and a narrative so full of teasers that it defies you not to keep watching. The burly Richard Griffiths shines as the porter of Wakefield's luxury apartment block and Michael Maloney lends a sinister presence as the dead man's so far unexplained friend. (Ceefax) (s) (780735)

10.30 Newsnight, with Jeremy Parman (613919) 11.15 World Snooker. Highlights of the day's play (537280) 12.30cm Weather (6980033)

ITV

6.00 TV-am (8789648) 9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword quiz hosted by Tom O'Connor (4312174) 9.55 Thames News (9802254)

10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a girl with alien powers (s) (3679716) 10.50 ITN News headlines (8436735)
10.55 Treasure Island In Outer Space. An adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's novel (r) (2798700) 11.50 Thames News (4169735)
11.55 Cartoon. Featuring Porky Pig and Tweetie Pie (r) (7664919)
12.10 Alisorts. Entertainment for children (r) (s) (7046716)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (8853629) 1.10 Thames News (24263280) 1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (54453844) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama series (s) (12241808)

2.20 Graham Kerr prepares a Thai dish exotically named Evil Jungle Princess (59744377) 2.50 Take the High Road. Drama set in the Scottish Highlands (8927209) 3.15 News headlines (3926880) 3.20 Thames News (6176303) 3.25 The Young Doctors (1969803)

3.55 Children's ITV: The Dreamstone. Cartoon fantasy (r) (s) (5252087) 4.20 Megamania. Two teams of children play games in a fire station (3707223) 4.50 Johnny Ball Reveals All (6790667) 5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the teenage quiz (8987464) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather

(347919) 5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley asks for volunteers for Age Concern Kensington and Chelsea (r) (662006)
 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Grade) (377) 6.30 Thames News (629)

7.00 Home and Away (f). (Uracle) (377) 10.30 The Cook Report

O CHOICE: The only regret about Roger Cook's television show is that it tends to throw up fewer of those wildly enjoyable doorstep confrontations that so enlivened his radio programmes. But Cook has long moved away from expose's of dodgy insurance salesmen, time-share touts and cowboy builders and now occupies territory closer to that of BBC2's Taking Liberties. Indeed one of the subjects of Cook's new series, the nine young fusiliers killed by American friendly fire in the Gulf, was featured on Taking Liberties only a few unsels and Cook claims to have the real story. Other injustices to be mentally fire in the Guir, was rearlined on Taking Liberals only a rew weeks ago. Cook claims to have the real story. Other injustices to be investigated include bullying in the British army, drug dealing and the pilitaging of exotic birds. A camera-smashing incident in Amsterdam, as Cook squares up to the alleged Mr Big of a cattle fattening scam, is well up to standard (3261)

7.30 Corona ion Street. (Oracle) (613) 8.00 Film: The Deep (1977). Underwater adventure, adapted by Peter Benchley from his best-selling sequel to Jaws. Jacqueline Bisset and Nick Nolte dive for sunken treasure off the coast of Bermuda and discover a cache of drugs. Directed by Peter Yates. (Oracle) (8613) 10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (66613) 10.30 Thames News (283377)



Waging a one-man war: vigilante Charles Bronson (10.40pm)

10.40 Film: Death Wish II (1981). In Michael Winner's violent sequel, vigilante Charles Bronson exacts a bloody vendetta against the gang that causes his daughter to fall to her death (10557261)

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12.20am Visions. Religious magazine (r) (4436491)
12.50 Film: Matt Helm (1975). Feature-length pilot of the television series starring Anthony Franciosa as the former CIA agent turned private eye. Helm uncovers an international black market operation when he is hired by actress Ann Turkel to track down her father's killer. Directed by Buzz Kulik (8510033)
2.15 Hollywood Report. A British view of tinseltown (17439)
2.45 America's Top Ten with Casey Kasem (s) (40110)
3.15 Videofashion. Unseasonal designs (93055156)
3.40 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club quiz (47105304)
4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music (s) (11475472)
4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsreel clips (38016694)
5.00 Three's Company. American comedy series (74656)
5.30 ITM Morning News with Phil Roman (36323). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (8770990) 9.25 The Munsters (b/w). Comedy of horrors in (4310716: 9.55 Road to Avonies: The Blue Chest of Rachel Ward Felin 3: 1 Andrew discover a mysterious chest in the attic (i) (5413209)

10.50 Pete Smith Specialities: Man's Greatest Friend that film about the role of animals in scientific research (3355935)

11.00 Gamesmaster. Video games (r) (6716)
11.30 Get Smart: Cutback to Control. Spoof espionage sense. 7415
12.00 Noah's Ark. Documentary about the animals living in the hagient reaches of the Andean rivers (r). (Teletext) (69752)

12.30 Business Daily. Analysis of the financial markets (86919) 1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series (r) (74174)

2.00 Film: Teresa (1951, b/w). Drama about an Italian girl who make as Glat the end of the second world war and encounters hostery and prejudice when she returns with him to the United States Starring Pier Angeli, John Ericson, and Rod Steiger in his film debut as a psychlatrist. Directed by Fred Zinnemann (939822)

3.55 Violin Concert. Cartoon (r) (1008290) 4.00 Short Stories: Flapping, Film about unauthorised horse racing in

Wales (r) (342)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz hosted by William G. Stewart (s) (75.4) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah talks to parents who want to stop abusing their children (4495209)

5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (660648) 6.00 Kate and Allie. American comedy senes about two divorcess starting Jane Curtin and S. san Saint James. (Teletext) (910)

6.30 The Best of the Word. Highlights from the recent series featunne. Right Said Fred and Barbara Windsor (r) (s) (241)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (625071) 7.50 Comment. A viewer's personal opinion (914551)



Heartache in Merseyside: Nicola Stephenson (8.00pm)

8.00 Brookside. Margaret (Nicola Stephenson) is worried about DD's

influence over Derek. (Teletext) (s) (9321)
8.30 Food File. Will the potential for genetically constructed food change the landscape and what people eat? (Teletext) (s) (6358) 9.00 Dispatches: The Bulgarian Dilemma

CHOICE: The town of Kosloduy is hardly a household name

outside Bulgaria but this sobering report suggests that it soon could be and for the worst reasons. Kosloduy houses six nuclear reactors, built by the Soviet Union and so dangerous that the international Atomic Energy Authority has proposed that four of them should be shut down. The film reveals that safety systems are inadequate, maintenance has been neglected and the staff lacks skall and protesting. Spars parts once strolled by the Soviet Union on longer motivation. Spare parts once supplied by the Soviet Union no longer arrive. The Bulgarian dilemma is this. The reactors produce 40 per cent of the country's electricity. To close them would senously damage an already shaky economy. To repair them would mean a huge increase in the national debt. To leave them as they are is to risk another Chemobyl (588532)

13.45 Re-Play: Walk Short. A short play written by the collective group Front Lawn. Two strangers collide on a busy street with terrible consequences (r) (325464)
10.00 The Golden Girls. American comedy series about four Miami matrons. Blanche (Rue McClanahan) learns that her father's bride-to-be is younger than herself (r). (Teletext) (60483)
10.30 Sean's Show. Surreal sit-com starring Sean Hughes is) (46803)
11.00 4-Play: World in Kevin Hood's play, unemployed Steven Parrish (Jim Broadbertt) is drawn into a bizarre life of crime. With Frances Tomelty and Sussannah Dovie (r) (461631)

Tomelty and Susannah Doyle (r) (s) (447613)

12.10am Dick Spanner. Puppet detective series (5302656)

12.20 Onward Christian Soldiers. The activities and impact of the American-based fundamentalist religious movements in Latin America (4099959).

America (4988859). Ends at 1.25

SATELLITE

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 6.00em The DI Kat Show (76013209) 8.40
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 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the now. 6.00am Sunrise (4320822) 9.30 Nightine (20377) 10.00 Dayline (62938) 10.30 Fash-ion TV (31930) 11.00 Dayline (682716) 1.30pm Good Morning America (44209) 2.30 Good Morning America (20700) 3.36 Cus Misriel (621801 4 29 Earlier TV (6754) Cur World (62193) 430 Fashion TV (5754) 5.00 Live At Rive (12613) 6.30 Newsine (24209) 8.30 Fashion TV (33445) 10.30 Newsine (36903) 11.30 ABC News (71483) 12.30 Newsine (31526) 1.30 ABC News (95033) 2.30 Beyond 2000 (65014) 3.30 ABC News (77859) 4.30 Beyond 2000 (30694) 5.30 Newsline (72149)

SKY MOVIES+

Wis the Astre and Narcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase (8482280)
10.00 Number in Block and White (1990):
Excelling mystery thriller (37667)
12.00 i Don't Know Who I Am (1980): A
gui's search for her true parents (30754)

1.00pm Supermom's Daughter (1990):
Teenage daughter does not wish to follow in her mother's footsteps (16174)
2.00 Evil Under the San (1981): Agatha Christie mystery with all-star cast (52990)
4.00 Joe Versus the Volkano (1990): Tom Hanks is challenged to jump into a live volcano (2938)

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der in Black and White (1990):
6.30am Aerobics (77700) 7.00 ice Hockey (as 10am) (97013071)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (302657)
8.00 Cadillac Man (1990): Robin Williams as a car salesman fighting for his life (71071)
10.00 Salute of the Jugger (1988): Fast moving futuristic action adverture (970667)
11.45 Leose Screws (1985): Comedy sequel to the film Screwballs (275272)
1.20am Cat Chaser (1989): A former marine is drawn into a deadly plot (7010168)
2.50 Modriar, Jugs and Speed (1976): Black comedy about air ambulance service (838946)
4.30 Sherinon's Deal (1989): A defiliusioned

(83894e) 4.30 Shennon's Deal (1989): A disflusioned corporate lawyer see's solace in the world of drank (35149). Ends at 6.00

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6.15am Dead Reckoning (1947): Staming Humbiney Bogart (1932532)
8.00 G.L. Joe and the Pyramid of Darinness (1988): Annated adventure (1944005)
9.16 Five Golden Dragons (1967): An American gets caught up in an international crime mig (19539390)
10.A5 Judgment at Nutemberg (1961): Powerful award-whiming drama staming Spencer Tracy (65428174)
1.45per The Detective (1954): Alec Gulmess state as Father Brown (26388193)
3.25 The Land Before Time (1988): Annated children's drama (1453483)
4.40 G.L. Joe and the Pyramid of Darkmess (1988) Ias Sam) (702356)
9.50 Spotlight (711445)
9.15 After the Shock (1990): The San Francisco arthquale of 1989 (982385)
8.15 Runny About Love (1990): Comedy staming Gene Wilder (49007025)
10.05 The Take (1989): Former cop just out of preon lais to stear clear of crime (121464)
17.40 Mo' Better Silves (1990): Tale of a talented juzz trumperer (67116377)
1.50em Personals (1989): A young woman leads a doubte life (1808014)
3.30 The Beast of War: Action-packed war epic (205548) Ends a 5.15am
THE COMEDY CHANNEL

THE COMEDY CHANNEL Vis the Astra satellite.
 4.00pm Mr Ed (4006) 4.30 Pethoost Junction (3990) 5.00 The New Leave it to Besiver (6551) 5.30 Green Acres (1342) 6.00 Mr (6551) 5.30 Green Acres (1342) 6.00 Mr (656) 5.30 Small Wonder (5735) 7.00 F Troop (3087) 7.30 McHale's Navy

(1919) 8.00 Doctor, Doctor (2735) 8.30 Ann Ellan (8342) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (14280) 9.30 Mr Behedere (96365) 19.00 Corrigan & Wormack (72377) 19.30 McHale's Navy (81025)

G.30am Aerobics (77700) 7.00 kg Hodey (53964) 8.00 Sports Cavalcade (54613) 8.00 Football Show (89629) 11.00 America's Cup (2622) 12.00 Aerobics (77280) 12.30pm Supercoss (76822) 1.30 Gillette World Sports Special (55174) 2.00 Motor Cycling (78039) 3.00 Test Match Cricket (97445) 5.00 Netbusters (5613) 5.30 Test Match Cricket (8757483) 10.30 Ringside (26464) 12.30em Australian Rugby Lesgue (77439) EUROSPORT

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7.00am Eurobics (32209) 7.30 Ski Tour
1991/92 (11716) 8.00 Futhol (32735) 8.30 Danong (94975) 9.30 Gol (19071) 10.30 Eurobics (48342) 11.00 Forte Snocker
League 1992 (32209) 1.00pm NH. Action (79700) 2.00 Eurobics (5803) 2.30 Touring Cars (68936) 3.30 Top Rank Bosing (27025) 5.00 International Speedway (8890) 6.00 Philips Open De Nice 1992 (39869) 8.00 Res (5567) 8.30 Ski Magazin (4174) 9.00 Europeán Tour 1992 (99445) 10.00 Golf Report (928735) 10.15 Porsche Carrera Cup (916990) 10.30 toe Hockey 1991/92 (24006)

LIFESTYLE B Vis the Astra satellite.

10.00am Getong Rt With Dense Austin (88990) 10.30 The Great American Garreshows (2532193) 11.20 What's New (4833795) 11.25 Search For Tomorrow (3616667) 11.50 Sally Jessy Raphael (2030377) 12.45gem David Hamilton's People (574990) 1.15 The Joan Rivers Show (7362803) 2.05 Dana — A Celebration (4716629) 3.05 Sela-2-Vision (5490071) 3.30 Cover Story (2445) 4.00 Tea Break (3247990) 4.10 Dick Van Dyte Show (6279532) 4.00 The Great American Garneshows (3413280) 5.30 Sela-2-Vision (1716) 6.00 Reministon Steele (57532) 7.00 Sela-2-Vision (761342) 10.80 Juliebox Music Videos (4579622) 2.00am Last Juliebox Dance (68830)

6.55am Weather: News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Boyce
(Symphony No 1 in B Rat: The
English Concert under Trevor
Pinnock); Saim-Saëns (Cello
Concerts No 1 in A minor:
(DSC) under Lower Entreprise CBSO under Louis Fremaux with Paul Torteller, cello) with Paul Tortelier, cello)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
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Walker); Gossec (Symphony in
F: Liège SO under Jacques
Houtmann); Schubert (Fantasia
in F minor, D 940' Murray
Perahia and Radu Lupu, piano
duet)

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00em Bruno Brookes
(FM only) 6.00 Smon Mayo 9.00 Smon Bates
12.30pm Newsbest 12.45 Jalris Rambles 3.00
Steve Whight in the Afternoon 6.00 Mark Gooder's Mega Hiss 6.30 News '92 7.00 Nonwech
Sound City '92 10.00 Lynn Parsons 12.00-4.00em Bob Harris (FM only): Featuring John
O'Kane (r) and John Harrimond in session

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Stuart 2.00pm Glona Hummford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.06 John Dunn 7.00 Inside Sashu: First of six
programmes in new comedy season telling the story of Sasha Popiloss 7.30 Festivation of British Borifee Night from Lewes in Sussex (Final part) 8.00 Klever F.affl A Induste to Kathleen Female 9.00 Nigel Opden The Organist Emeratins 9.45 Shall We Dance 10.30 The Jamesons
12.05am Jazz Parade The Septet 12.35 Patrick Lunx with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night
Abrus Strachan with Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnny Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Education Matters with Helen Madden 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnny Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Education Matters with Helen Madden 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 1/1 1.30 BFBS Worldwide 2.30 World Senice: Discovery 3.05 Outlook 3.30 it Made Our World 3.45 Good Books 4.05 Development '92 4.35 Five Aside, with Trica McVair and Russell Grant 7.15 2esty. They Should Have looked Under the Rhubarb (Part 3) 7.30 Bitzcat. Story by Robert Westall (3 of 6) 8.00 Champion Sport, with Ion Champion 10.30 Fit the North Mark Raddiffe with interviews and news from the northern music scene, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in 65T. 4.30em World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Westher News 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 Morgenmagazon 5.20 Tips für Touristen 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Majin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 News About Britain 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News6tek 8.30 Development 92 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Fash 9.15 Men Facing Change 9.30 Ned Shenish's Countergoont 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report Live 19.15 Country Sple 10.30 Fear From the Book 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.41 Commitus 11.30 Londres Mid: 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Business Update Bloom Newsdesk 12.30pm Memdian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 New Holes 1.30 World New 1.30 Morld News 1.30 Londres News 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 4.05 Sthatever Happened To. 7 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuel 8.00 World News 9.05 The World Today 9.25 World News 4.05 Outlook 2.30 Europe Tonght 9.00 World News 9.05 The World Today 9.25 Worlds of Fath 9.30 Assignment 10.00 Newshour 17.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Sports International 11.45 Sports Roundup Midnight World News 11.05 Sam World Business Report 12.15 From Our Own Correspondent 12.30 Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Frank Multi Gors Into... 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 The Farming World S.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Sports International 4.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Sports International 4.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Sports International 4.00 Newsdesk 3.30 World A.15 Sports Roundup

VARIATIONS

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Garden-ing Time (59744377) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (147938) 12.20 Altivid Hitchcock Presents (5380304) 1.00-2.15 Film: Gaobreak (2622269)

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HTV WEST

Country Practice (1969803) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8987464) 6.00 HTV News (377) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (629) 12.20am-12.50 The Twilight Zone (4436491) TSW

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As London except: 5.18pm-5.40 Home and Away (8987464) 6.00 Calendar (377) 6.39-7.00 Blockbusters (629) 12.28am Rim: Spawn of the Stirks (475014) 1.55 Hollywood Report (4556014) 2.25 American Gladators (8002472) 3.20 Quiz Night (53181920) 3.50 Music Box (9540588) 4.50-5.30 Jobfinder (4545507)

SAC Starist 6.00em C4 Daily (8770990) 9.25 The Mursters (4310716) 9.55 Road to Avoniea (5413209) 10.50 Pete Smith Speciaties (5355938) 11.00 Gamesmaster (6716) 11.30 Get Smart (7445) 12.00 Noalt's Ark (6975-4) 12.30 pers News (64318261) 12.40 Sick Methyth (1024464) 1.00 Piffeen to One (31532) 1.30 Business Daily (78990) 2.00 The Food File (7087) 2.30 Pimir. 40 Pounds of Trouble (58603716) 4.25 Sick 23 (3649445) 5.00 Remote Control (1667) 5.30 Brookside (526) 6.00 News (392735) 6.10 Herro

(974919) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (1803) 7.30 O Fan I Fan (483) 8.0 Ar Y Ter (9321) 8.30 News (418087) 8.55 Srevcer (411174) 9.25 Without Walls (189984) 9.55 Film Through a Glass Darly (889716) 11.35 The Brg One (551939) 12.05861 An Audience with Mel Brooks (7913946) 1.05 Drwedd

Starts: 1,00pm News (12504648) 1.20 Aertel Financial Pages (78705700) 1.35 Earth Journal (95057464) 2.00 The Big Race (9019396) 4.30 News (50686648) 4.35 Film She Lives (77012984) 6.00 The Angelta (8725667) 6.01 Sti-One (4524193) 6.30 Vol. Bug Jam (4515445) 7.00 Who's the Bot/s (2468990) 7.30 Faces and Places (2953735) 8.30 Would You Believe (3463445) 9.30 Route '92 (2708193) 10.00 Film The Accidental Tourist (31357261) 12.10am News (6023101) 12.20 Close

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Startes 2.30pm Bosco (18940613) 3.00

Children's Programmes 6.00 io-Max (18941342) 6.25 Home and Away (90305754) 6.35 Nauchr (56423006) 7.00

Music from Ireland (65136754) 7.30 Coronation Street (18034006) 8.00 News, Blackboard Jungle (68573822) 8.35 The is your Life (22459754) 9.00 Cheers (89591025) 9.30 News followed by Ihrrycomething (77093551) 10.30 Bad Bobs — The Galety Sessions (33067700) 11.00 News

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As London except: 1.50pts-2.20 The Young Dectors (12241808) 3.25-3.55 A

Perahia and Radu Lupu, piano dueth

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week:
Albéniz and Granados. Albéniz (Navarra: Alica de Larrocha, piano); Granados, orich de Grignon (Three Spanish Dances: Mexico City PO under Enrique Batiz; El Mirar de la maja: Ann Murray, mezzo, Graham Johnson, piano; Intermezzo, Goyescas: New Philharmonic); Albéniz, rev Sorozabai (Peoita Jirnenez, Act. Fisse McDougali
7.00 News:
7.05 Third Ear In Barcelona:
Adrian Searle talks to a
Catalan artist
7.30 Halle Orchestra under
George Benhamin, with
Penelope Walmsley-Clark,
soprano, and a children's choir
drawn from schools in Greater
Mannhester perform Berlinz Sorozabai (Pepita Jimenez, Act 2 Teresa Berganza, soprano, Ines Rivadeneira, contratto, Antonio Blancas, bantone,

Chorus and SO under Pablo Sorozabal) 9.35 Michweek Choice: An Easter Europe under Roger Normigton, with Peter Lika, bass, Jonathan Williams, horn, and Erno Senft, double bass, and time sent, double bass, performs Haydn (Symphony No 95 in C mmor); Mozart (Horn Concerto in D, K 412; lo ti lascio, K Anh 245, Per questa bella mano, K 612); Haydn (Symphony no 96 in D, Milische)

Miracle)
1,00pm News
1.05 Concert Half: Live from Correct Hail. Dee Holle, London. The Audubon String Quartet performs Shoslakowch (Quartet No 1 in C. Op 49); Smetana (Quartet No 1 in E.

Victor de Narke, bass, Madnd

minor)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years

CHOICE: To mark what would have been her eightieth birthday, Radio 3 is playing some of Kathleen Ferner's best-known recordings. Poignantly, they include "Der

Absched" (Farewell) from Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde
— the last notes and words that one of her greatest admirers, the conductor Bruno Walter, heard her sing in May 1952 when he recorded the work with her and the Vienna Philharmonic. The control died in 1953. Other recordings to be played today include Schubert's "An die Musik" and an ana from Bach's St Matthew Passion. Radio 2 offers its own Kathleen Ferrier tibute at 8pm
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Derby Cathedral
5.00 Vasmalom: Live from the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House, the traditional folic group performs with singer Eva Molnar
5.45 Mainly for Pleasure, with Else McOougall
7.00 News Abschied" (Farewell) from Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde

Trojans); Ligeti (Lontano); Benjamin (Jubilation); Berg (Altenberg Lieder); Benjamii (Cascade); Ravel (Rapsodie espagnol) 8.45 A Nation within a Nation 8.45 A Nation within a Nation: Since the 1970s one of Spain's Instone nations, Catalonia, has revitalised its language, culture, economy and political identity. Frank Smith considers the secret of Catalonia's success alongside its implications for Spanish unity 9.30 Celebrity Recital: The planist Maurizio Pollini performs Schubert (Sonata in G, D 894), Liset (Nuages gris: La lugubra

Manchester perform Berlioz (Royal Hunt and Storm, The

Liszt (Nuages gris; La lugubra gondola, first version; RW — Venezia; Sonata in 8 minor) 10.50 Seethoven (Quartet in F, Op 59 No 1: Alban Berg Quartet)

11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Lully (Overture, Amadis, Laudate Puer, Arnabis, Salotate Puers, Apollo's Air, Chaconne des Harlequin; O Dulcoslime; Domine Salvum Regem; Overture Proserpine; Chaconnel (r)

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TV CHOICE PETER WAYMARK/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 8.43 The Last of
England: The poet Ted Walker
reads from an
aurobiographical love story (3

autobiographical love story (3 of 5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 Neves 9.05 Michael 10.00-10.30em News Today 10.30am News; Today's The Day (PM only); Neil Walker follows a day in the life of a contestant on The Generation

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only)
Matthew. Read by Derek
Jacobi
10.30 Woman's Hour: Karen Deco

News Question Time:
Members of the Hodnet and
District Garden Club in
Shropshire put their queries to the experts(r)

12.00 You and Yours

12.25pm Decline and Fall

Spm Deditne and Fall

CHOICE: Great fun to read
as a novel and, judging from
episode one, it is going to be
great fun to listen to in Jeremy
Front's sur-part adaptation.
Ideally, not a single line of
Waugh's dialogue should be
tampered with. Test the text
by reading it aloud, and you
will find that it is tailor-made
for ratio. Jeremy Front's script
is true to the spint of the
book, but not always to the is true to the spirit of the book, but not always to the letter. There is no reason why he should put into young Beste-Chetwynde's mouth the last line in episode one "How do you spell despair, sir?" (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Ghosts from the Past

3. Mortman. John Metcaffe's story about a honeymoon couple who are trapped in a strange nightmare world (s)

2.47 Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen meets children's writer Ann Päling (r)

3.00 File on Four. Maurice Walsh reports from Zimbabwe on the

RADIO 4

scale of the drought and asks whether it could destabilise the most influential of the Front Line States

3.42 Lost Villages: 2: St Kida, Sean Street tells the story of the people who used to live in this village (s).

village (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the controversial new film The Naked Lunch directed by David Cronenberg from William Burrough's surreal novel; and playwright John Godber talks about his latest play. April in Paris (s)

about his latest play. April in Paris (s)

4.45 Short Story Art Nouveau, by Helen Campbell

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Counterpoint (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Costing the Earth (FM only)
Environmental magazine (r)

7.45-8.00 Where's That Man
Going Mummy? (FM only)
David Read left London in

1979 and started life as a

David Read left London in 1979 and started life as a gentleman of the road. Here he tells his own story 7.28 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r) 8.00 All in the Mind (r) 8.30 The Cutting Edge. Dr David Cook talks to a woman in her 40s who is torn between her

burning desire to have children and her moral beliefs which interfere with the infertility treatment
9.00 in Business:
Grantrepreuneurs? Businesses in Northern Ireland appear have been taking large public subsidies but showing little

profit in return.(s)
9.30 Kaleldoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: In My Father's Court, by Isaac Bashevis Singer (3 of 5)

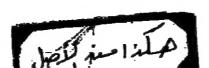
Bashevis Singer (3 of 5)

11.00 Carry On Up the Zeitgeist.
Edward Bitshen considers the radio programme, That Was the Week That Was (1)

11.30 Batty Down Under Australians reflect on their feelings about fruit bats (1)

12.00-12.43am News, ind 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shapping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

PREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97 6-99.8 Radio 2: FM-88-90.2, Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92 4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/333m; 909kHz/330m LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97 3. Capitai: 1548kHz/394m, FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94 9: World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.



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